

Hello, I am a nurse from SA Pathology.

I will be collecting a throat and nasal swab sample from you to test for COVID-19.

Firstly I need some information about you



- If you travelled interstate or overseas in the last 14 days, where and when did you return?
- Please show me your driver's licence and Medicare card so I can write your details on the request form:
 - First name and surname
 - Date of birth
 - Home address (or SA quarantine address if returned traveller)
 - Medicare number
- Mobile number (your results will be sent via text)
If you do not have a mobile phone, can another mobile number be provided that you can be contacted on?
- Are you an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?
- Name of your GP or GP practice and suburb (a copy of your results will be sent)

Collecting the sample



If you need me to stop the swabbing process at any stage please raise your hand. Do not touch the swab with your hands.

To take the sample I will swab your throat first.

- Lean your head back slightly
- Open your mouth and say "argh"
- The swab will take approximately 3 seconds



I will then swab your nose.

- Look straight ahead and breathe through your mouth
- The swab will be inserted and rotated for approximately 3 seconds, this may make your eyes water, but it should not hurt

This completes your COVID-19 test.

Please continue to self isolate until you receive your results.



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