

## *Influenza Testing – ESwab*

(Nasopharynx (N/P) Collection)

Influenza season is right around the corner and we recommend that you begin preparing for the upcoming season.

- HML offers ESwabs for Influenza testing.
  - The ONLY way to obtain the ESwab is by completing our online supply form using either link: [www.healtheast.org/hml](http://www.healtheast.org/hml) or [www.healtheast.org/forms/form-hml-supply-request.html](http://www.healtheast.org/forms/form-hml-supply-request.html)
  - Order the ESwab Minitip (blue cap) swab

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Influenza A/B (Test Code - FAB)

- • Collect from nasopharynx, place swab in tube, break at mark and cap tube.

### Nasopharynx (N/P) Collection Instructions

- A. Remove secretions or exudate from the anterior nares.
- B. Insert mini-tip Eswab through cleaned nasal passages until it just meets resistance at the posterior nasopharynx, taking care not to touch anterior nares.
- C. Gently rotate swab and hold for 10 - 15 seconds.
- D. Carefully remove swab and place in transport media.
- E. Label culture transport with patient's full name and date of birth.

- Requested orders of 10 or less will be fulfilled. Based on community demand, anything over 10 will require a pre-authorization from a HML Sales Representative. For these requests, please contact HML customer service, and they will direct you to a Sales Representative.
- **NO STAT** or **URGENT** ESwab order requests will be fulfilled – Please plan ahead.
- If you have specific questions regarding Influenza, please go to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) website and refer to the following link:  
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/index.html>

HML Customer Service 651-232-3500 Option #5