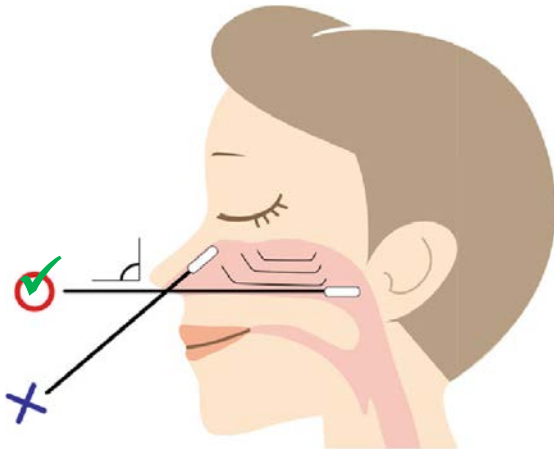
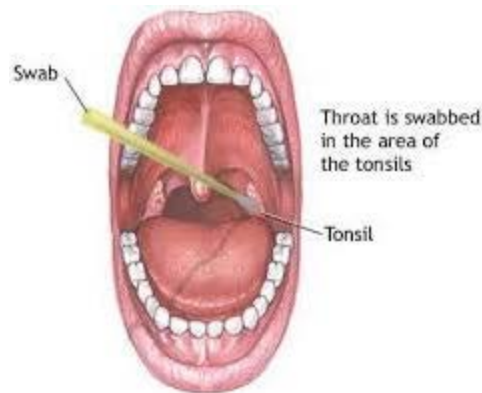


## OBTAINING COVID-19 SWABS

**Nasopharyngeal Swab:** Insert a swab into nostril parallel to the palate. Swab should reach depth equal to distance from nostrils to outer opening of the ear. Leave swab in place for several seconds to absorb secretions. Slowly remove swab while rotating it.



**Oropharyngeal Swab (e.g., throat swab):** Swab the posterior pharynx, avoiding the tongue.



Ensure that **Specimen Label** applied on tube with

- Date
- Time of collection
- Mnemonics

AND **Patient Sticker** on “2019 nCov (novel corona virus) test requisition”