



The following swabs have been validated and approved to use for SARS-CoV-2 testing at the DC DFS Public Health Laboratory. Please review guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ensure the appropriate infection control precautions are in place before collecting any specimens <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>

Please Note: Calcium alginate swabs are unacceptable and swabs with cotton tips and wooden shafts are not recommended.

DFS PHL Approved Nasal Swabs

1. **Manufacturer:** Puritan
Swab Name: Puritan 6" Sterile Standard Polyester Swab w/ Polystyrene Handle
Ref #: 25-806 1PD
2. **Manufacturer:** Puritan
Swab Name: Puritan 6" Sterile Standard Foam Swab w/ Polystyrene Handle
Ref #: 25-1506 1PF 100
3. **Manufacturer:** Wuxi NEST Biotechnology Co., Ltd
Swab Name: Oropharyngeal Specimen Collection Swab, Individually Wrapped, Sterile
Catalog #: 202003

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Please note: All specimens collected for molecular testing must be refrigerated (2-8°C) promptly after collection and couriered/shipped on cold packs within 72 hours. Specimens being held for >72 hours must be stored at -70°C and couriered/shipped on dry ice. Please do not freeze specimens if courier pick up will occur within 24 hours. It is very important that you contact DFS-COVID19@dc.gov as soon as the specimen is collected so that a courier can be ordered to pick up the specimen.

Please refer to [COVID-19 Testing Specimen Submission Guidelines](#) for additional specimen submission requirements.