





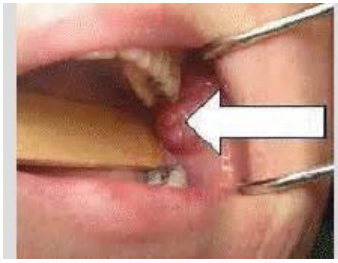

PCR for Measles and Mumps – Instructions for sample collection

Note: Discussion with the Medical Officer of Health is mandatory prior to sample collection.

MoH approval and clinical history must be noted on the request form.

Please collect swab as outlined below using a 'Measles/Mumps PCR Collection Kit'. These kits will be distributed immediately upon request from the nearest SCL laboratory, while remote GP clinics have a supply.

Store kit at 2-25 °C

Measles - Nasopharyngeal Swab	Mumps – Oral Swab
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear appropriate PPEUse the dry orange top FLOQswab for adults, and the dry white top FLOQswab for children. Tilt the patient's head backwards slightly.Slowly insert the swab into the nasal passage – it should pass along the floor of the nasal passage (parallel to the palate). If any resistance is felt, try the other side.In small children just over half the swab shaft will be inserted, in adults well over two-thirds of the swab shaft will be inserted.Once the swab is in position it is preferable to leave it in place for 20-30 seconds.Break swab at indent (by bending) into Universal Transport Media and discard the top portion of the swab. Label with patient name, date of birth, and date of collection.Forward specimen and request form) to SCL Lab Dunedin.If > 2 hours before the specimen will reach the laboratory, refrigerate at 4 °C.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear appropriate PPEUsing the dry orange top FLOQswab, swab the area around the Stensen's duct, where the parotid gland drains into the mouth.  Break swab at indent (by bending) into Universal Transport Media and discard the top portion of the swab. Label with patient name, date of birth, and date of collection.Forward specimen and request form to SCL Lab DunedinIf > 2 hours before the specimen will reach the laboratory, refrigerate at 4 °C.