

# How to take oral fluid swabs

**1**

2 x blue swab in plastic clear tube

2 x clear plastic bags, labelled "VRD" and "PHL"

Cardboard Box labelled UKHSA URGENT MEASLES TESTING

Contents

Request form

White plastic envelope

**2**

2 mins

X2

Remove blue swab from packet. Rub the blue swab along the gum line for 2 minutes.

**3**

X2

Place wet swab back inside the clear tube and replace the cap. Write patient's name, date of birth (DOB), today's date on each tube.

**4**

Repeat steps 2 and 3

**5**

VRD

Place the first tube inside the clear bag labelled VRD. Push out air, remove red strip from top and seal.

**6**

PHL

Place second tube into the clear bag labelled PHL. Push out air, remove red strip from top and seal.

**7**

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Check and complete request form and place with both clear bags containing the samples into cardboard box and close.

**8**

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Place cardboard box into white polythene envelope, seal and return to courier or healthcare professional.