

Coffee with Infection Prevention & Control Questions & Answers on COVID-19 Testing

- 1. The optima unisex swab is being used for testing COVID-19. Do we need to swab through both nostrils with this particular swab?***

No.

- 2. When re-testing for COVID investigation, do we need to wait 24 hours from the previous negative test?***

It depends on the context:

If you have a clinical suspicion for COVID and a negative NP swab but are still concerned, in this context NO you do not need to wait 24 hours.

If you are testing for de-isolation purposes then YES you should wait 24 hours.