

Specimen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saliva using SARSTEDT Salivette collection container.
Labelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Label container <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First and last name ○ Provincial Health Care Number ○ Date and time of collection • Write the exact collection date and time on both requisition and container.
Patient preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not brush teeth before collecting specimen. • Do not eat or drink for 15 minutes prior to specimen collection. • Do not collect after any activities that may cause gums to bleed.
Collection Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect specimen between 11 p.m. and midnight unless a different collection time is specified by your doctor. • Remove top cap of container to expose swab. • Place swab directly into mouth by tipping container so swab falls into mouth. Do not touch swab with fingers. • Keep swab in mouth for approximately 1 to 2 minutes. Roll swab in mouth, do not chew swab. • Spit the swab back into its container. Do not let fingers touch the swab. • Replace the cap; ensure cap is pushed on tightly. • IMPORTANT : Record the exact collection time and date on both requisition and container. • Store the container at refrigerated temperature until delivered to Test Center. • Drop off both the requisition and container at RUH Test Centre or SPH Test Centre the following morning ASAP.
Required Volume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optimal Volume: 1.5 mL saliva
Stability/Storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once collection is complete, store container at refrigerated temperature until delivered to Test Centre.