**iSWAB-ID Collection**

Instructions for Reference DNA Samples *(Step A)*

Evidentiary DNA Samples *(Step B)*

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**Kit Contents:**
- iSWAB-ID vial
- Sterile Cotton Tipped Applicator bag (containing 1 swab total)
- Plastic “biohazard” bag with absorbent pad*
- Extra barcode label (for lab use only)
- “Exempt Human Specimen” label*
- The outer box will be used to mail back the sample

* Item may not be included in certain countries.

*For research use only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures.*

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**STOP**

Read ALL steps before collecting samples!

**Important:**
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke for 30 minutes prior to using the kit
- Do not touch swab tips or allow contact with any other object

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**A. Buccal Cell Collection for Reference Samples**

**A1**

Place vial standing up on flat surface. Peel open bags containing swabs and remove a swab. Unscrew vial cap.

**A2**

Rub swab tip firmly against the inside of your cheek 15-20 times, using light pressure similar to brushing your teeth.

a. Rotate swab tip as you are rubbing.
b. Cover entire cheek from top to bottom and side to side.

c. **Proceed to Step 2.**

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**B. Evidentiary DNA Sample Collection**

**B1**

Carefully swab area of interest. Try to recover as much of the sample as possible.

**Proceed to Step 2.**
**iSWAB-ID Collection** Instructions for Reference (Step A) and Evidentiary (Step B) DNA Samples

1. Pick up vial and hold steady in one hand. Slowly twist swab into iSWAB vial with a corkscrew motion. There will be resistance, but push swab all the way to the bottom of tube.

2. Hold vial steady and move swab up and down rapidly inside the tube 10-15 times without moving the swab out of the liquid.

3. At this point remove and discard the swab. Hold vial firmly and remove swab by slowly twisting out with a corkscrew motion. **DO NOT PLACE SWABS IN THE BIOHAZARD BAG.**

For field-based collection: Continue with steps 5-7
For lab or onsite collection: Proceed with sample processing or storage.

5. Replace cap tightly and place vial in Biohazard bag. The extra barcode label is for lab use only. Place Biohazard bag with vial and extra barcode label back in the box.

6. Peel the tape strip from under the top flap and re-seal the box. Place the “Exempt Human Specimen” label on the bottom left, so it is not covering the postage or return address label.

7. Place a return address label on top of the box over the original label, and return postage on the upper right corner.

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