

Sample collection: As simple as 1, 2, 3...

Laryngeal swab

1. What you'd need:

- One helper to restrain the pig
- Gloves
- Pig snare
- Mouth gag
- Laryngoscope
- Sterile swab
- Permanent marker

2. How to collect it:

- Restrain the pig using a snare
- Place the gag to keep the mouth open
- Use the laryngoscope to depress the tongue
- Visualize the opening of the larynx
- Insert the tip of the swab into the larynx
- Swab the larynx in a firm yet gentle fashion

3. How to process it:

- Identify the sample(s) (date, animal ID, etc.)
- Refrigerate the samples
- Pack in a leak proof container
- Fill out the submission form(s)
- Ship to: University of Minnesota

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