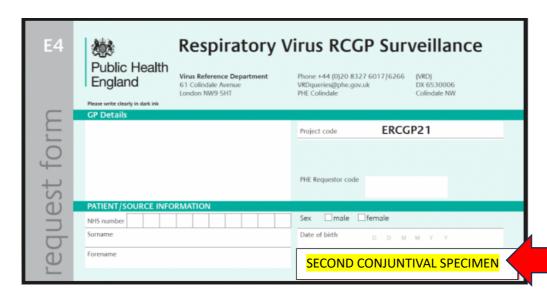




Swabbing for Conjunctivitis

When swabbing for suspected ILI or ARI with conjunctivitis, please take the following steps:

- 1. Take the nasopharyngeal swab as usual and place in the specimen tube.
- 2. Open a second swab pack and take a swab from each eye, or just from one if the infection appears presents in one eye. It is best to roll the swab gently against the lower eyelid, near the nasolacrimal duct.
- 3. Place the swab in a second specimen tube (see **IMAGE 1**)
- 4. Mark the outside of the second specimen tube "CONJUNCTIVAL" (see **IMAGE 1**)
- 5. Place the specimen bottles inside their respective carrier tubes and put **both** carrier bottles inside **ONE box** and **ONE prepaid envelope** (see **IMAGE 2**)
- 6. Please place **ONE form** inside the box. When filling in the form, please write "SECOND CONJUNCTIVAL SPECIMEN" in the section under D.O.B, as indicated below:



If you or your practice staff require any further guidance or would like to speak to us, please email us on practiceenquiries@phc.ox.ac.uk

PLEASE TURN OVER

IMAGE 1: EXAMPLE OF GREEN TOP TUBES WITH NASOPHARYNGEAL AND CONJUNCTIVAL SWABS

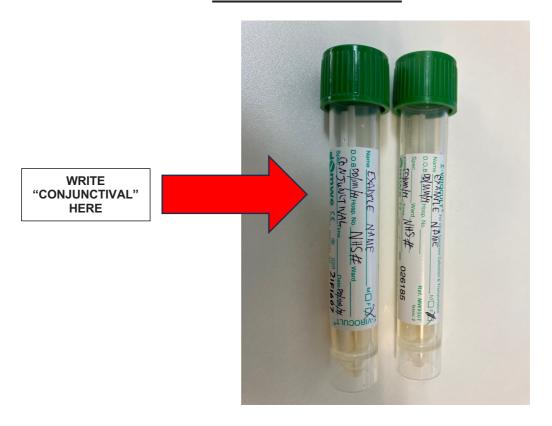


IMAGE 2: EXAMPLE OF KIT CONTAINING BOTH NASOPHARYNGEAL AND CONJUNCTIVAL SWABS IN CARRIER TUBES, PLACED WITHIN ONE BOX

