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TO: WV EMS Agencies – Official Agencies Representatives
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FROM: Vicki L. Hildreth, BA, NREMT, Interim Director
WV Office of Emergency Medical Services *Vicki L. Hildreth*

RE: **COVID-19 Diagnostics: Performing a Nasopharyngeal and Oropharyngeal Swab**

If your EMS Agency submitted the request to assist with COVID-19 testing and collection, each prehospital providers performing these swabs must view the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syXd7kgLSN8&feature=youtu.be>; additionally, a completed EMS roster with signatures and any questions should be submitted to EMSEducation@wv.gov.

Thanks for all you are doing for the citizens of West Virginia. Stay safe!

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