Having COVID-19 swabs taken
Information for patients

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hospital

NHS

swab
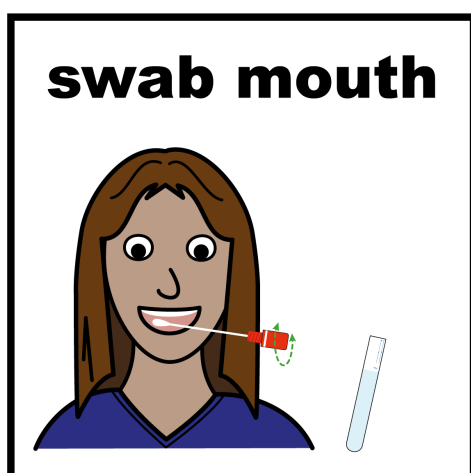
swab mouth
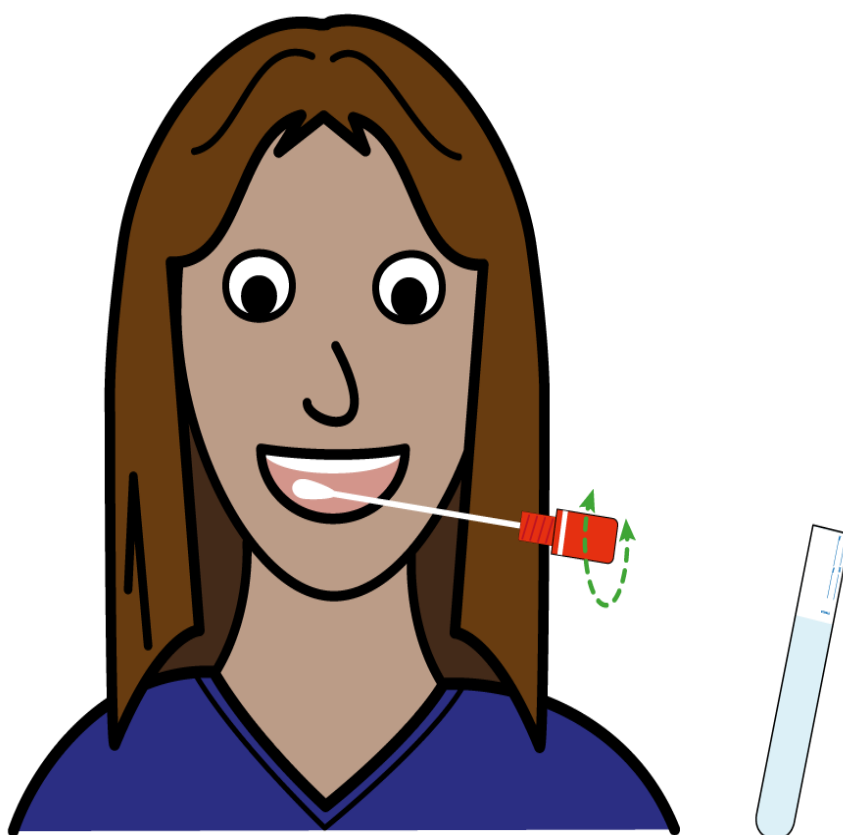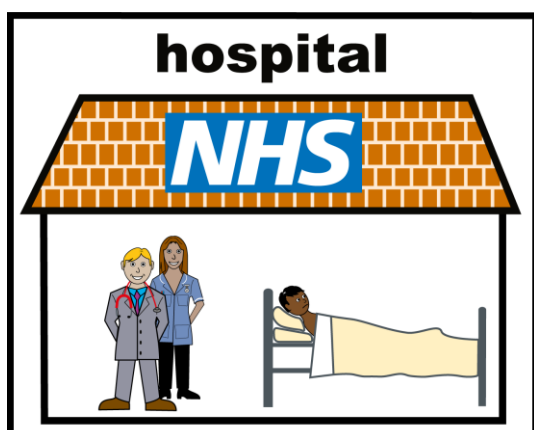
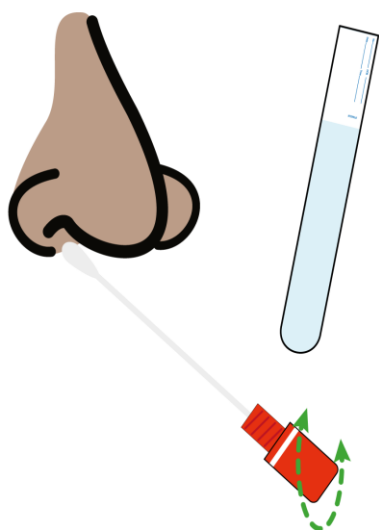Medical staff will need to do tests to check if you have COVID-19.
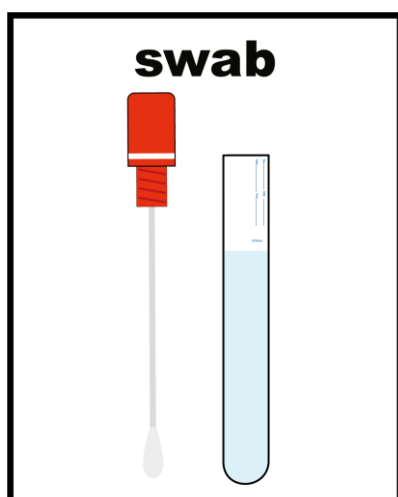
They do this by taking swabs.

The swab will be rubbed inside your mouth until it is wet.

swab nose

The swab will then be rubbed inside your nose.

Having the swabs taken may be uncomfortable but only for a short time.

The swabs then will be checked to see if you have COVID-19, this can take around 2 days.