1. Bag specimens

Place single sample and absorbent into bag.
Place requisition in outer pouch.

OR

Place multiple samples into one rack, wrap rack in absorbent, place into bag.
Attach requisitions to outside of bag.

Racked swabs must be kept in the same order as requisitions or online entry.
Racking is used to increase lab efficiency and improve turn-around time. **Racking is mandatory when more than 10 specimens are being submitted.** If racks are not used, there may be a delay in processing time. Contact your local/regional lab for racks.

2. Pack transport container

Place specimen(s) in transport container.

Add:
1. cardboard divider
2. two cold or frozen gel packs on top of cardboard
3. newsprint/paper to fill empty space

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