

## *Who Can Swab?*

The [Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments \(1988\)](#) have no requirements regarding the training and qualifications of specimen collection personnel. Indiana also has no specific requirement. The qualifications of collection personnel and their training determined by the responsible organization.

Measures should be in place during specimen collection to ensure that all collection personnel take good specimens while properly using the required PPE. This reduces the risk of false negative results and protects healthcare personnel.

All collection personnel should follow CDC guidance: [Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens for COVID-19](#).