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2. Clean rubber or Latex gloves (optional)
3. Clean paper envelope
4. One clean sheet of waxed or plain paper for each sample
5. Marker pen

### Step 1

For each sample, take a clean sheet of paper and write the name of the person to be sampled on it. Place the paper on a level surface in a clean, dry place.

### Step 2

Put on rubber or Latex gloves and remove a clean, unused cotton swab from package.

### Step 3

Have the sample subject (the person you are obtaining the DNA sample from) open their mouth wide enough to insert the cotton swab inside their mouth. Rub the cotton swab up and down on the interior of their cheek area. Remove the swab.

### Step 4

Place the swab from the sample subject on the sheet of paper with the subject's name on it. Allow to air dry for at least 2 hours.

### Step 5

Label the clean envelope with the sample subject's name and other pertinent information. Place the dried cotton swab inside the envelope, seal it with scotch tape (**DO NOT LICK THE ENVELOPE**) and place it in an area that is dry and accessible in case of an emergency.

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