

## Suspected COVID-19 cases – Pathology samples

### Specific COVID-19 samples

Viral Throat & nose Swab (or NPA)



Double bag

Place in rigid screw top biohazard labelled container (from Pathology reception)



E28 request form accompanies sample but keep OUTSIDE of container

Take directly to Pathology reception do NOT use pneumatic chute

**Combined** throat and nose swab in one **Green top** collection tube\* (or, in children, Nasopharyngeal aspirate (NPA) is acceptable)

- Using a single swab – swab first the throat **and then** the nose\*
- Snap off the swab into the green top sample container replace the top **ensuring it is securely tightened**
- Label the sample
- Wipe outside of sample tube with a green Clinell wipe
- Place in a sample bag and seal the bag
- Place this into a second bag
- Seal the second bag and place a patient sticker on the outside of the bag
- Place this into the biohazard labelled rigid screw top container (*obtained from Pathology reception*)
- Complete the E28 request form - do NOT place it in the screw top container
- Hand deliver directly to Pathology reception

**Do NOT place samples in the POD (pneumatic chute)**

\***Additional** respiratory samples for patient with **lower** respiratory tract symptoms include: Sputum and BAL or ETT aspirate

### All other pathology samples

**All other Pathology samples**

Take as clinically indicated

- Label the samples
- Wipe outside of sample tubes with a Green Clinell wipe
- Double bag with biohazard label on outside of bag (bag blood sciences samples separately from microbiology samples)
- Hand-deliver to Pathology reception.
- Do **NOT** place in rigid screw top container

**Do NOT place samples in the POD (pneumatic chute)**