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Specimen packing and transport from COVID areas to collection center in case of SUSPECTED/CONFIRMED COVID -19 PATIENTS

*These protocols are for samples sent to Microbiology for tests **OTHER THAN CORONA VIRUS TESTING**

- All samples should be collected in screw capped, leak proof and tamper proof container and labeled as COVID area.
- Ensure the cap is tightly closed.
- Respiratory and faecal specimen preferably should be sent in a Zip lock pouch.
- All the sample containers to be wrapped in absorbent material like tissue paper, cotton etc. and to be placed in a cardboard box in upright manner.
- Cardboard box must be labeled with “Bio-hazard” sign.
- In cases of breakage, leakage or spillage, blood stained containers or forms the samples will be returned for repackaging or recollection if possible.
- Any disparity between the details in the requisition form and sample barcode (UHID, Name, Sample etc) may be returned to rectify the mismatch and resend.
- Samples collected in viral transport media (VTM) for virology investigations are to be sent as per the existing protocol.
- All the specimen should reach to the collection site (Room No. 24, 2nd floor, in the Dept. of Lab. Medicine) as early as possible for further processing.
- Ensure proper PPE (surgical mask, heavy duty gloves) while transporting the specimen

For Disinfection:

- After collection of sample, outside of the containers/ zip lock pouch should be cleaned with 1% Sodium hypochlorite solution followed by labeling of the bar code.
- The above protocol may be revised as and when required as per the published scientific literatures.