

Local Transportation of suspected COVID-19 samples for Testing

Sample:

Upper respiratory tract sample(s): combined nose and throat swab

OR

Separate nose throat swab combined into one pot of viral transport medium

OR

A single swab used for throat then nose

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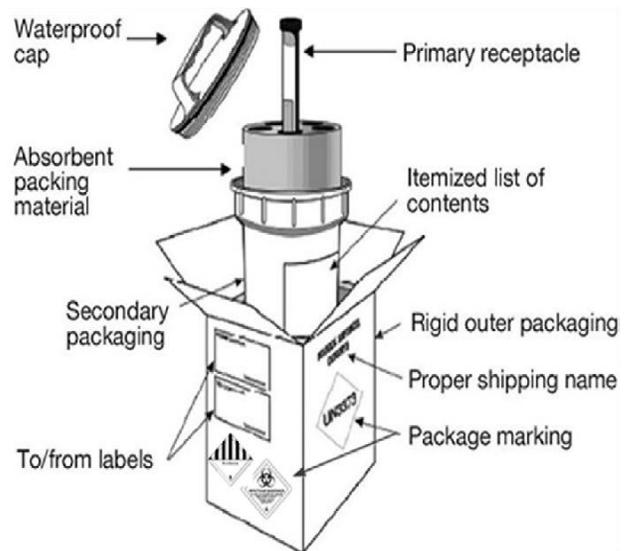
A nasopharyngeal aspirate in a universal transport Medium (UTM) or Viral Transport Medium (VTM).

SAMPLE TRANSPORTATION

WHO Recommendations:

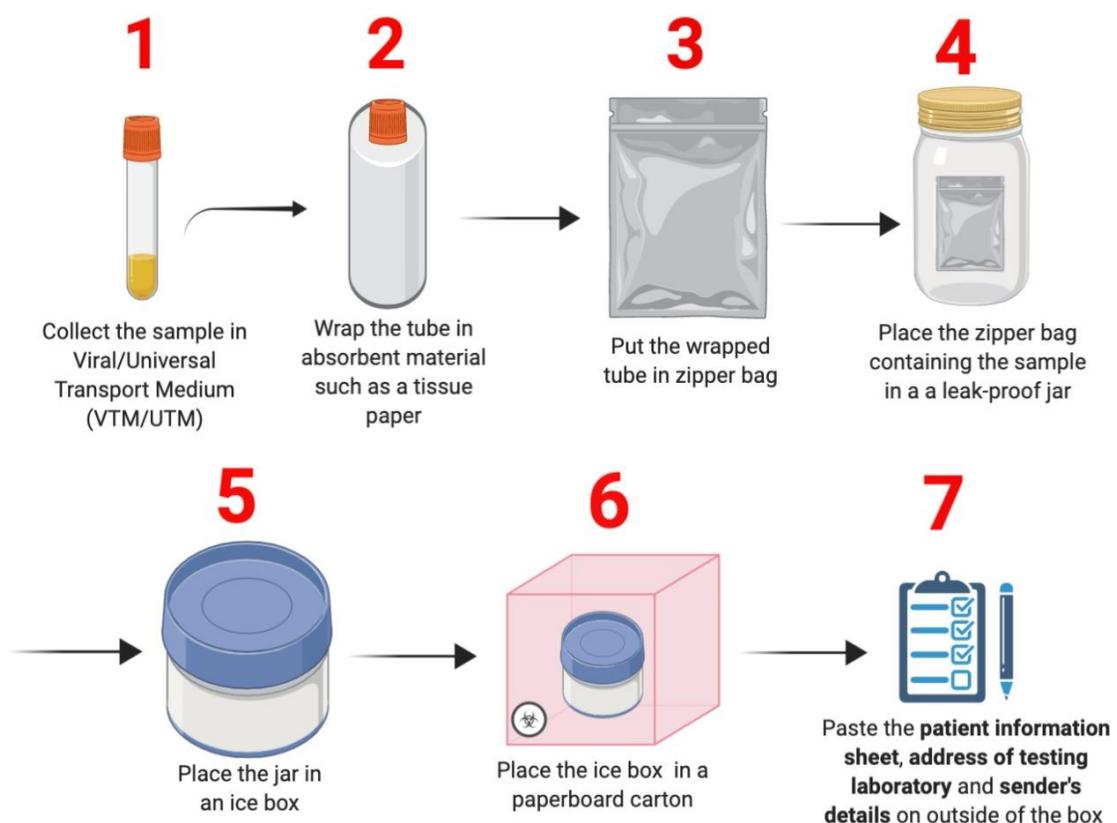
All suspected samples for COVID-19 testing should be packed and transported in accordance with WHO guidelines as

- **Category B** transportation regulations
- Labeled as '**Priority 10**'
- Label **UN 3373** Biological substance on outer container
- Triple packaging with cold chain maintenance



Current Situation:

Due to acute shortage of resources such as adequate supply of the recommended triple packaging, a local alternative approach for the triple packaging is mentioned below.



*for step 6, if ice box is used then paperboard carton is not required.