Sample Packaging and Transport - Highly Pathogenic/ Contagious Sample

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Note: Contact MBG Centre for suitable sample type and collection method.

- Label collection tubes with patient details.
- Blood/Serum Specimen 2-3ml.
- Other Specimen type in secure sterile Containers.
- Place tube into Biohazard transport bags lined with absorbent material.
- If there is more than one sample from the same patient, each tube must be placed in a separate bag.

- Place the biohazard bags (With sample) into another biohazard bag and seal well.
- Place the **requisition form** in the outer pouch of the biohazard bag.
- Place the bag on an ice pack in a transport box.
- **Call MBG Centre** and inform before transporting the samples. Transport to Collection Centre / Lab.

Note: The samples must be transported at 4°C and sent within 24hours of sampling.
(If storage / transport will exceed 24 hours freeze the sample at -20°C or lower - DO NOT THAW THE SAMPLE AFTER FREEZING).

Call MBG Centre and then transport samples to Collection Centre/ Lab.