

Ministry of health

Infection control directorate



Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations

during rapid blood test

- Individuals in the room during the procedure should be limited to the patient and the healthcare worker (HCW) obtaining the specimen.
- Provide patients with respiratory symptoms, medical mask if tolerated.
- HCW may collect specimens for testing for SARS-CoV-2 .
- HCWs shall put on:
 - **Gloves**
 - Perform hand hygiene, then put on clean, non-sterile gloves. Remove and discard gloves and immediately perform hand hygiene.
 - Change gloves between patients sampling.
 - **Mask**
 - Use a medical/surgical mask during blood withdrawal.
- Clean and disinfect room surfaces frequently by trained staff with the use of the full PPE.
- 2-step cleaning and disinfection: Clean with neutral detergent, then disinfect with a chlorine-based disinfectant in the form of a solution at a strength of 1,000 ppm available chlorine.
- All specimens collected for laboratory investigations should be regarded as potentially infectious.
- Discard the used kit test as infectious waste.
- No transportation is usually required.
- If transport of any type of specimens or used kit is required, then place in leak-proof specimen bags (i.e., secondary containers) with the patient's label on the specimen container (i.e., the primary container), and a clearly written laboratory request form, and deliver by hand whenever possible. DO NOT use pneumatic-tube systems to transport specimens.