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AFFIX LABEL OR ENTER DETAILS LEGIBLY

Male/Female	Surname Forename	D.O.B.
Patients Address		H&C Number
_____		Hospital:
_____		Consultant /GP
Postcode	Ward / Clinic	
Date & Time of Specimen	Requested by:	Test Code: XFRC
_____	_____	_____

Sample Type(s) - Please tick:

- Throat Swab (TS)
- Nasal Swab (NS)
- Combined nose & throat swab (NTS)
- Sputum (SPU)
- Endotracheal secretions (ETS)
- Bronchoalveolar lavage (BAL)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SENDING AN URGENT SAMPLE

1. Samples must be sent in a blue specimen bag (provided by Regional virus laboratory)
2. Write **CEPHEID** on the outside of the blue specimen bag
3. Contact porter/data dispatch for hand delivery to Virology specimen reception

Urgent 1-hour Cepheid tests are ONLY available for the following key patient groups - Please tick:

- Symptomatic pregnant patients
- Organ donors and recipients
- Emergency admissions of Haematology, Oncology, and other Immunosuppressed patients
- Admission to ICU
- Symptomatic emergency admission without a H&C from RVH/Mater ED only
- Confirmation of Lumira reactive results (RVH Maternity ONLY)

These tests are a limited resource and should only be requested in the above patients. The sample will NOT BE TESTED unless this information is provided.

DO NOT SEND A SAMPLE FOR PCR IF:

- Patient has tested positive for SARS CoV2 in the last 90 days and has NO new onset of symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or Influenza
- LFD testing is recommended as per current guidance available at this link:
[Letters and urgent communications 2022 | Department of Health \(health-ni.gov.uk\)](#)

Results are reported on Labcentre and can be looked up on ECR/browser look-up.

Send to: REGIONAL VIRUS LABORATORY, Kelvin Building, Royal Group of Hospitals Trust, Grosvenor Road, Belfast BT12 6BA. Direct Tel 028 96151777 (9am-5pm Mon-Fri)