COVID-19 SPECIMEN PACKAGING INSTRUCTIONS

COLLECTION KIT CONTENTS:

- 1-Nasopharyngeal swab
- Optional: 1-50mL conical tube (sputum collection for patients with productive cough)
- 1-Vial of viral or universal transport media
- Ice pack (MUST be frozen before shipment)
- Absorbent sheet(s)
- 2-Ziploc bags (1 for specimen and 1 for BCL requisition form)
- 1-Prelabeled shipment label (MUST be placed on the box before shipment)
- 1-UN3373 Category B label (MUST be placed on the box before shipment)

1. Wrap an absorbent sheet around the specimen(s) and place in the Ziploc bag. Multiple specimens from the same patient may be shipped in the same bag.

2. Place the frozen ice packs on top of the specimen(s) inside the cooler box. Place BCL’s requisition form in the 2nd Ziploc bag and then into the box.

3. Place the pre-addressed shipping label and the UN3373 Category B label on the outside of the box.

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