

Wessex Genomics Laboratory Service (Salisbury)

Sample acceptance policy during the COVID-19 pandemic

Clinicians **must** continue to notify the laboratory when sending a sample from a known or suspected COVID-19 patient; such samples should be clearly labelled with a Danger of Infection! or a High Infection Risk! sticker (a or lung tissue samples from a known or suspected COVID-19 patient under any circumstances) and that all buccal samples are taken into the appropriate container (Oragene O+/-, -, collection pots) and that all buccal

samples are labelled with a Danger of Infection! or High Infection Risk! sticker

. We will accept mouthbrush* saliva or lung tissue samples from a known or suspected COVID-19 patient under any circumstances

If you require further guidance* please contact our Duty Scientist trish.dutyscientist@nhs.net

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our service users for their patience and continued support