

# Transport of Lab Specimens

## Proper Specimen Transport

1. Complete collection of specimens and verify the tests are marked as collected in EPIC.
2. Package specimens in a biohazard transport bag. Only ONE patient's specimens should be packaged per bag.
3. Send specimens via the pneumatic tube or walk specimens to the lab (see table to the right for specimens that must be walked to the lab).
  1. Send to pneumatic Tube Station #10 or #30.
  2. Walking specimens: Bring Clinical Pathology specimens to Lab Receiving CP2043. Bring Anatomical Pathology specimens to Histology CP2002.

## Specimens that Must be Walked to the Lab

- All surgical specimens
  - Formalin and/or alcohol preserved specimens
  - Body fluids
  - Specimens collected in a syringe
  - Non-leak tight containers with liquids
  - 24-hour urine containers
  - Specimen bags with ice
  - Irretrievable specimens
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- **For respiratory swabs, see additional guidance on page 2.**

# Respiratory Swab Specimen Pneumatic Tube

## How to package a respiratory swab specimen (SARS COVID-19/Respiratory Pathogen Panel):

1. Place a single respiratory swab specimen in a biohazard bag and seal it securely (one specimen per bag).
2. The sealed biohazard bag from step 1 must be placed in another biohazard bag with an absorbance pad, then seal it again securely (double bagging)

