Bronchitis/Bronchiolitis/ Pneumonia
Collection Instructions

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SAMPLE TYPE: Cough Sputum, Nares, Nasopharyngeal, Oral, Oropharynx, Throat

MATERIALS PROVIDED

- 1 sterile swab
- 1 sterile collection cup (upon request)
- 1 molecular transport tube
- 1 specimen bag

To ensure safety and validity of the sample, it is important to follow these instructions.

OROPHARYNX SWAB OR THROAT SWAB

1. Guide the swab tip toward the tonsillar area of the posterior oropharynx.
2. Thoroughly and firmly swab the tonsillar area, posterior oropharynx, as well as any area of abnormal redness, inflammation, white patches, or pus.
3. Immediately place the swab in the molecular transport tube.
4. Break the swab at the indention mark and secure cap on the tube.
5. Keep the tube in the upright position for 10 - 15 minutes.

NASOPHARYNX SWAB

1. Insert the swab into the nose parallel to the palate until resistance is encountered or the distance is equivalent to that from the patient's ear to nostril, indicating contact with the nasopharynx.
2. Thoroughly swab the nasal passage by rotating the swab 5-10 times.
3. Immediately place the swab in the collection tube, break the swab at the indention mark, and secure cap on the tube.
4. Keep the tube in the upright position for 10 - 15 minutes.

COUGH SPUTUM SWAB

1. Ensure all proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) measures are taken.
2. Have the patient take three deep breaths, cough, and then spit phlegm into the specimen cup (do not spit only saliva.)
3. Place the swab directly into the sputum sample and swirl 4-5 times to collect.
4. Immediately place the swab in the molecular transport tube.
5. Break the swab at the indention mark and secure cap on the tube.
6. Keep the tube in an upright for 10 - 15 minutes.

⚠ **DO NOT SEND THE COLLECTION CUP. IF CUP IS RECEIVED, SPECIMEN WILL IMMEDIATELY BE DISCARDED!**

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This product has been authorized only for the detection of nucleic acid from SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens; and
The emergency use of this product is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the declaration is terminated or the authorization is revoked sooner.