Information for South Glasgow Biochemistry users
Samples from patients with suspected or confirmed novel corona virus (2019-nCoV)

Samples
- Pleural Fluids MUST be sent in white vacutainer tubes as per current policy
- Blood samples should only be sent for routine Biochemistry investigations if the results will impact patient care

Notification
All samples taken from suspected or confirmed cases MUST be notified to the lab prior to sending by contacting either the Duty Biochemist 0141 354 9004 x89004 (Mon-Fri 9-6, Sat/Sun 9-12.30) or the Biochemistry consultant on call via the switchboard (1000).

Transportation
All samples from potential cases should be packaged and transported in accordance with **Category B transportation** regulations. UN 3373 packaging must be used for sample transport. There are UN3373 boxes (see diagram) which have been distributed to various sites, when you contact WoSSVC to send samples to Virology they will be able to guide you to the locations.

Category B substances – Packaging Instruction P650
The packaging shall consist of 3 components –
1. A primary receptacle of suitable material appropriate to the specimen
2. A secondary packaging to contain the primary packaging in such a way that under normal handling the primary packaging will not break or leak. Absorbent material should be placed between the Primary and the Secondary as a precaution to leaking fluid.
3. An outer packaging to contain the secondary packaging and suitable cushioning material to secure the secondary packaging. This should not be compromised by breakage or leakage of the primary packaging