

## NVRL Tube Guide for Sample Collection

### Clotted Blood/Serum Samples – Collection tubes with/without gel for serum separation



At a minimum, 5ml of clotted blood (2ml for paediatric samples) or 2ml of serum (1ml for paediatric samples) is required for testing. Clotted blood/serum samples are suitable for use in diagnostic serological investigations.

### EDTA Whole Blood/Plasma – Collection tubes with/without gel for plasma separation



At a minimum, 5ml of EDTA whole blood (2ml for paediatric samples) or 2ml of plasma (1ml for paediatric samples) is required for testing. EDTA/Plasma samples are suitable for use in molecular diagnostic techniques.

\*\*\* Whole blood specimens for molecular investigation must arrive at NVRL within 24 hours of venepuncture. Serum/plasma samples for molecular investigation should be separated within 24 hours of venepuncture and forwarded to the NVRL in a frozen state\*\*\*