

## NVRL Tube Guide for Sample Collection

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



Clotted Blood/Serum samples are suitable for all **SEROLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS** as per the NVRL Virus Testing Index. **These samples are not suitable for EBV, CMV or HIV MOLECULAR INVESTIGATIONS.**

Minimum volumes	Clotted Blood	Separated Serum
Routine testing	5ml	2ml
Pediatrics	2ml	1ml

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



EDTA Whole Blood/Plasma samples are suitable for all **MOLECULAR INVESTIGATIONS** as per the NVRL Virus Testing Index. **GEL TUBES** are the collection device of choice for all molecular investigations at the NVRL. **ALL SAMPLES FOR MOLECULAR INVESTIGATION MUST BE SEPARATED AND FROZEN WITHIN 24 HOURS OF VENEPUNCTURE.**

Minimum volumes	Clotted Blood	Separated Plasma
Routine testing	5ml	2ml
Pediatrics	2ml	1ml