

# **Indian Council of Medical Research**

**New-Delhi**

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## **Advisory for ICMR approved private labs that are doing COVID 19 testing by Real time RT-PCR**

Kindly store all positive samples at appropriate temperature (-20C/-80C) till shipped to National Institute of Virology, Pune as mentioned in earlier issued guidelines. Labs can send samples either fortnightly or monthly depending on their convenience. All positive samples must be sent to Dr. Varsha Potdar at NIV Pune. Don't forget to include your lab name and sample ID. While shipping, place samples in screw capped vials and proper Biosafety and Biosecurity precautions should be followed as per IATA.