## LABORATORY TESTING FOR INPATIENT

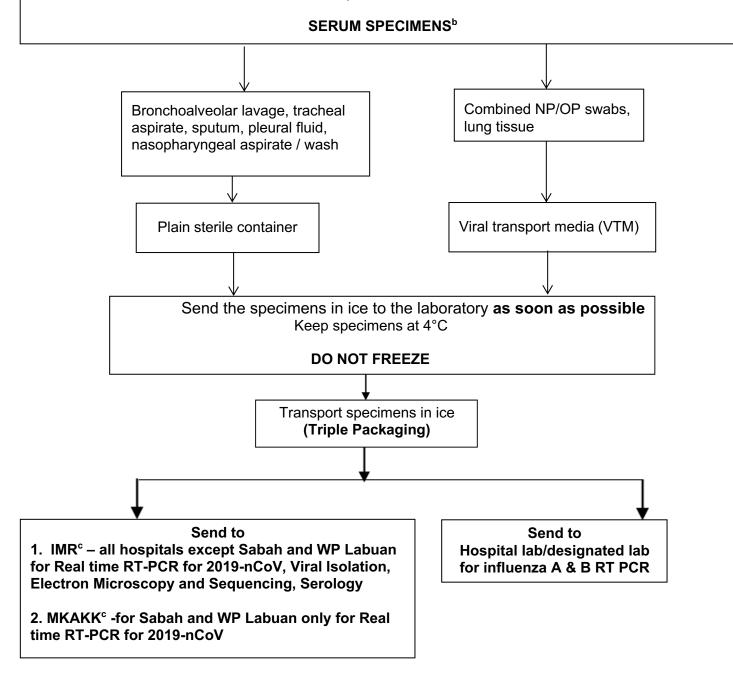
Note: 2 sets of Respiratory samples to be taken

## \*LOWER RESPIRATORY TRACT SPECIMENS (LRTSs):

Deep cough sputum, bronchoalveolar lavage, tracheal aspirate, pleural fluid, lung tissue

## **UPPER RESPIRATORY TRACT SPECIMENS (URTSs):**

**COMBINED** nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs (NP and OP swabs), nasopharyngeal aspirate / wash<sup>a</sup>



## NOTE:

<sup>a</sup>Do not use wooden shaft / cotton swab. Use dacron / rayon / polyester swabs.

<sup>b</sup>Serum sample to be collected in serum separator tube and send to IMR. Sample from contacts to be send to MKAK

<sup>c</sup>Consult with the IMR and MKAKK Officers first before sending samples. All clinical sample while awaiting to be send to IMR/MKAK/MKAKK

- ➤ If transportation of sample is within 72 hours, store at 2-8°C
- > If transportation of sample is after 72 hours, store at -80°C