

Supplementary table S1. Specimen collection guidelines from suspect RSV cases from WHO RSV pilot. Source: https://www.who.int/influenza/rsv/rsv_collection_transport_storage_samples/en/ [57]

Age	Optimal sample	Anatomical site
Infants and young children (≤ 5 years)	Nasopharyngeal swab, aspirate or nasal swab	URT - mid-turbinate nostril
Older children, adolescents and adults (>5 years and ≤ 65 years)	Nasal and/or throat swabs collected into the same transport tube	URT
	LRT specimens including: tracheal aspirates/ broncho-alveolar lavage	LRT
Older adults and elderly (>65 years)	Nasopharyngeal aspirate/swab	URT
	Sputum samples	LRT
	LRT specimens including: tracheal aspirates/ broncho-alveolar lavage	LRT

URT =Upper Respiratory Tract; LRT=Lower Respiratory Tract.