## CoVid Sample processing to send specimen to MMC for testing for the COVIDP

## **Specimen Processing:**

1. Obtain a Hologic Specimen Lysis Tube (SLT)



- 2. Label the SLT tube with the CID label (or label from Meditech or Orchard).
- 3. Uncap the SLT and retain the cap.
- a. Do not put the cap down on anything since it could contaminate the specimen.
- 4. Using a sterile disposable graduated transfer pipette, transfer 500 μL (first line from the tip of the pipette) of the patient specimen to the SLT.
- 5. Discard the pipette in the biohazard trash.
- 6. Recap the tube and gently invert three times to ensure viral inactivation and a homogeneous mixture.
- 7. Process the SLT tube to be sent to MMC following your normal process
- 8. Retain original patient sample at ordering location unless other tests that are done at MMC are requested on the sample.