

Rapid Testing: Safety Information

Handling Biohazardous Waste

All testing materials, once used, are considered biohazardous waste.

Extreme caution must be used when handling and disposing of these items as they may contain live virus.

Testing Materials

The following items must be safely discarded in a biohazardous waste container once used:

- Swab
- Extraction tube
- Test device cartridge
- Gloves

Cleaning Spills

Clean up any spillage from swabs, extraction tubes or test device cartridges with disinfectant. Discard paper towels or wipes into biohazardous waste.

Wear mask, face shield, gown and gloves when cleaning spills. Discard PPE into biohazardous waste.

Mucous Membrane Exposure

Wear eye protection when preparing tubes and when performing swab, even with self-swab technique to avoid exposure of fluids into the eyes. If exposure occurs, use running water to rinse thoroughly with affected eye(s) open and report incident to supervisor.

Cleaning & Disinfecting

- The testing area should be cleaned and disinfected prior to setting up supplies
- The testing area should be cleaned and disinfected after each swab is taken
- Any shared items (pen, binder, tube rack, plastic container) should be disinfected between users