

ID NOW™ Strep A 2 ASSAY TIPS
TOP 10 TIPS

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1 Place the ID NOW™ Instrument on a flat, level, stable surface away from direct sunlight. Allow enough room for air flow behind the instrument.

2 External Quality Control: Test QC swabs with each new shipment, each new untrained operator, and with software updates. QC swabs must be performed as a neg/pos pair. Additional controls may be tested in order to conform to local, state and/or federal regulations, accrediting groups, or your lab's standard Quality Control procedures.

3 Do not remove the blue Sample Receiver from the instrument once warm-up has started. Do not remove the foil seal from the blue Sample Receiver until prompted to do so. Place two fingers along the outer edge of the blue Sample Receiver when removing the foil seal to keep the blue Sample Receiver in place.

4 The orange indicator should **rise** to the top of the white Transfer Cartridge when pressed into the blue Sample Receiver. The orange indicator should **descend** back down when the white Transfer Cartridge is pressed into the orange Test Base. Always visually check this when running the procedure, do not rely on listening for clicks.

5 Test components are designed as single use only. Components should be clicked together and must be removed from the instrument according to removal instructions displayed on the screen. Components must not be separated once they are clicked together after test completion.

6 Daily cleaning of the ID NOW™ Instrument is recommended. Clean exterior surfaces and surfaces visible under the open lid, as well as the surrounding bench area, using a lint free cloth dampened with 70% Ethanol, 70% Isopropanol, or 10% Bleach. 70% Ethanol and 70% Isopropanol wipes are acceptable for the ID NOW™.

7 Due to the high sensitivity of the assays run on the instrument, contamination of the work area with previous positive samples may cause false positive results. Handle samples according to standard laboratory practices.

- 8 For disposal of all used test components, follow the laboratory's safety protocol that documents the safe handling, storage, and disposal of all hazardous waste. Include information on appropriate hazardous spill clean-up procedures.
- 9 If any test component is dropped, cracked, found to be damaged, or open when received, it should not be used and should be discarded.
- 10 Refer to package insert for appropriate kit component storage. Leave test components in sealed pouches until just prior to use. Ensure all test components are at room temperature before using. Do not use sharp objects or scissors to open foil pouches.

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