Quality Assurance Recommendations

Checklist for BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card Testing

1. All staff have completed skills check off for Nasal Swab Collection and Testing for BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card test and/or training on other testing methods checklists completed.
2. All staff have PPE appropriate for the test site as recommended by the CDC and established by VDH.
3. Using the Nasal Swab checklist or other approved testing method checklist, observe at least 50% of the persons performing testing at 1 test site per month. Monitor how many times the person performing the testing deviated from the test check off protocol. If critical performance or infection guidelines are missed with any individual, consider pulling that individual off the testing line and providing real time remediation. This is critical to providing safe and accurate testing.
   a. Critical gaps include the following:
      a. Failure to change gloves and perform hand hygiene between tests.
      b. Failure to don appropriate PPE.
      c. Overuse of PPE.
      d. Failure to collect the nasal swab appropriately.
      e. Failure to identify two patient identifiers or collect patient information critical for test performance (name, DOB, contact information, labeling the specimen, performing the test using the BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card test in a timely and correct manner, according to the guidelines).
      f. Disregard for appropriate PPE.
4. Results are reported within 24 hours using the VDH's Reporting Portal for Point-of-Care (POC) Test Results: https://apps.vdh.virginia.gov/pocreporting/login/login.aspx. This site may be used to meet the rapid reporting requirement for POC tests and allows for aggregating negative results for high-volume sites.
5. If infractions involve occasional missed steps, count the number of infractions, rank in order from highest number to lowest, and debrief the entire team later to identify training gaps.
6. COVID-19 response and testing is a fluid situation. All teams should be aware of the need to change and/or update testing protocols as updates are received by the FDA and/or CDC.

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Activity	Observed by/date	Observations/comments
All staff have training checklists validating skills training for specified test collection method on file.		
Staff participating in the event have PPE appropriate for their role in the event. Staff are not overusing PPE for role. Staff are not underusing PPE for role. Staff exhibit correct procedure for donning and doffing PPE.		
Nasal Swab checklist or other approved testing method checklist, observe at least 50% of the persons performing testing at 1 test site per month. Monitor how many times the person performing the testing deviated from the test check off protocol. If critical performance or infection guidelines are missed with any individual, consider pulling that individual off the testing line and providing real time remediation. This is critical to providing safe and accurate testing. Critical gaps include the following: a. Failure to change gloves and perform hand hygiene between tests. b. Failure to don appropriate PPE. c. Overuse of PPE. d. Failure to collect the nasal swab appropriately. e. Failure to identify two patient identifiers or collect patient information critical for lab submission (name, DOB, contact information, labeling the specimen, performing the test using the BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Card test in a timely and correct		

manner, according to the guidelines). f. Disregard for appropriate PPE.		

Critical gaps identified:

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Date/Time of Team debrief: Comments: