All clinical specimens must be at room temperature before beginning the assay. Performing the assay outside the time and temperature ranges provided may produce invalid results. Assays not performed within the established time and temperature ranges must be repeated.

Expiration date: Check expiration on each individual test package or outer box before using. Do not use any test past the expiration date on the label.

Dispense all of the Reagent Solution into the Reagent Tube. Swirl the Reagent Tube to dissolve its contents. NOTE: The Reagent Tube should remain in the tube holder for the entirety of the testing.

Place the patient swab sample into the Reagent Tube. Roll the swab at least 3 times while pressing the head against the bottom and side of the Reagent Tube.

Express all liquid from the swab head by rolling the swab a minimum of three (3) times as the swab is being removed. Discard the swab in accordance with your biohazard waste disposal protocol.

Place the Test Strip into the Reagent Tube with the arrows pointing down. Do not handle or move the Test Strip until the test is complete and ready for reading.

At 10 minutes, remove the Test Strip and read result within five (5) minutes according to the Interpretation of Results section on the other side of this card.

Test strips should be read between 10-15 minutes. False positive, false negative or invalid results may occur if the strip is read beyond the recommended time period.

The QuickVue SARS Antigen test contains built-in procedural control features. The manufacturer’s recommendation for daily control is to document these built-in procedural controls for the first sample tested each day.

The two-color result format provides a simple interpretation for positive and negative results. The appearance of a blue procedural Control Line provides positive control by demonstrating sufficient flow has occurred and the functional integrity of the Test Strip was maintained. If a blue procedural Control Line does not develop within 10 minutes on the Test Strip, then the test result is invalid.
A built-in negative control is provided by the clearing of red background color, verifying that the test has been performed correctly. Within 10 minutes, the result area should be white to light pink and allow the clear interpretation of the test result. If background color remains and interferes with interpretation of the test result, then the test result is invalid. Should this occur, review the procedure and repeat the test with a new patient sample and a new Test Strip. Patient samples or reagents cannot be reused.

External Quality Control
External Controls may also be used to demonstrate that the reagents and assay procedure perform properly. Quidel recommends that positive and negative controls be run once for each untrained operator, once for each new shipment of kits — provided that each different lot received in the shipment is tested — and as deemed additionally necessary by your internal quality control procedures, and in accordance with local, state and federal regulations or accreditation requirements.

The Test Procedure described in the Package Insert should be used when testing the external controls. If the controls do not perform as expected, repeat the test or contact Quidel Technical Support before testing patient specimens.

**Interpretation of Results**

Positive Result*:
At ten (10) minutes, the appearance of ANY shade of a pink-to-red Test Line AND the appearance of a blue procedural Control Line indicates a positive result for the presence of SARS antigen. Results will remain stable for five (5) minutes after the recommended read time. Do not read the result beyond the five minutes. False positive, false negative or invalid results may occur if the strip is read outside of the recommended time period.

*A positive result does not rule out co-infections with other pathogens.

*Look closely! This is a positive result. Even if you see a very faint, pink Test Line and a blue Control Line, you must report the result as POSITIVE.

C = Control Line
T = Test Line

Negative Result**:
At ten (10) minutes, the appearance of ONLY the blue procedural Control Line indicates SARS antigen was not detected. Results will remain stable for five (5) minutes after the recommended read time. False positive, false negative or invalid results may occur if the strip is read outside of the recommended time period.

**A negative result does not exclude SARS-CoV-2 infection. Negative results should be treated as presumptive may need to be confirmed with a molecular assay.

Invalid Result:
If at ten (10) minutes, the blue procedural Control Line does not appear, even if any shade of a pink-to-red Test Line appears, the result is invalid.

If at ten (10) minutes, the background color does not clear and it interferes with the reading of the test, the result is also invalid.

If the result is invalid, a new test should be performed with a new patient sample and a new Test Strip.
INTENDED USE

The QuickVue SARS Antigen Test is a lateral flow immunoassay that allows for the rapid, qualitative detection of the nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV-2 in anterior nares (NS) swab specimens directly from individuals who are suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider within the first five days of the onset of symptoms.

The QuickVue SARS Antigen test does not differentiate between SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2.

Results are for the identification of SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid protein antigen. Antigen is generally detectable in anterior nares specimens during the acute phase of infection.

Positive results indicate the presence of viral antigens, but clinical correlation with patient history and other diagnostic information is necessary to determine infection status. Positive results do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses. The agent detected may not be the definite cause of disease. Laboratories are required to report all results to the appropriate public health authorities.

Negative results should be treated as presumptive and confirmation with a molecular assay, if necessary, for patient management, may be performed. Negative results do not rule out COVID-19 and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or patient management decisions, including infection control decisions. Negative results should be considered in the context of a patient’s recent exposures, history and the presence of clinical signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

The QuickVue SARS Antigen test is intended for use by trained clinical laboratory personnel and individuals trained in point of care settings.

Refer to the Package Insert for Warnings and Precautions, Specimen Collection and Handling, and Quality Control.

ASSISTANCE

If you have any questions regarding the use of this product, please call Quidel’s Technical Support Number 800.874.1517 (in the U.S.) or 858.552.1100, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time. If outside the U.S., contact your local distributor or technicalsupport@quidel.com. Test system problems may also be reported to the FDA through the MedWatch medical products reporting program (phone: 800.FDA.1088; fax: 800.FDA.0178; http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).