Rapid Antigen Testing Instructions

1. **Set up your testing station**
   1. Ensure that your desk has the following items:
      * Timer,
      * Biohazardous waste bin
      * Appropriate PPE (gown, gloves, eye protection, masks)
      * Buffer fluid
      * Extraction tube
      * Extraction cap
      * Nasal swab
      * Tube rack
      * Test device
      * Alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR)
      * Disinfectant wipes
      * Garbage bin
2. **Donning PPE (Putting on PPE) \*Please follow this exact order\*** 
   1. Perform hand hygiene using ABHR.
   2. Put on gown.
   3. Change mask.
   4. Put on face shield.
   5. Put on gloves.
3. **Performing the Test**
   1. Begin by adding buffer solution to the extraction tube until the first line on the tube (about 0.3 ml)
   2. Once buffer is added, place uncapped extraction tube on tube rack.
   3. Ask participant who will be getting the test to take a seat and lower their mask to expose the nasal area.
   4. Tilt their head back about **70 degrees**.
   5. Insert nasal swab in one nostril about **2 cm** in or until you encounter resistance and rotate the swab **five times** against nasal wall.
   6. Carefully remove from one nostril and repeat for the other nostril.
   7. Carefully insert the swab in extraction tube with the buffer.
   8. Swirl or rotate the swab five times in the buffer solution.
   9. Squeeze the tube and break off the top of the swab and cap the tube using blue cap.
   10. Once the extraction tube is capped, remove the white cap from the bottom.
   11. Squeeze **5 drops** of the solution from the tube onto the test device and begin a 15 minute timer
   12. Recap the extraction tube with white cap and dispose of entire tube in biohazardous bin.
   13. After 15 minutes, read and report test results \*BE MINDFUL OF EXEMPTIONS AND INVALID RESULTS\*
   14. Dispose of test device in biohazardous waste bin.
   15. Dispose of the top of swab and packaging contents in regular garbage bin.
   16. Clean work station with disinfectant wipe.
4. **Doffing PPE (Taking off PPE) \* Please follow this exact order\***
5. Remove gloves.
6. Remove gown.
7. Perform hand hygiene using ABHR
8. Remove face shield.
9. Remove and replace mask.
10. Dispose of all PPE in garbage bin.
11. Perform hand hygiene.