

RIP Equipment and Room Decontamination

PURPOSE:

- This procedure provides instructions for decontamination of equipment and molecular rooms used for RSV & Flu A/B testing

DOCUMENTATION/RECORDS

- Daily Maintenance Log

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- Standard precautions. Refer to [MB 2.02](#) Biohazard Containment
- Use of engineering controls: Refer to [MB 3.01](#) Engineering Controls to Prevent Nucleic Acid Contamination

MATERIALS REQUIRED

Equipment	Reagents	Supplies
BioSafety Cabinet	Sani-Cloth Bleach Wipes (10%)	Nitrile gloves (powder-free)
Pipette, 100 or 200 µl	70% alcohol	Tacky mats
Test tube racks	5% Extran	Lint free absorbent cloths
Disc cooling block	water	Cotton tip swabs
Simplexa Integrated Cyclor		

ABBREVIATIONS

- PPE: personal protective equipment
- BSC: biosafety cabinet
- UV: ultraviolet light
- Area/Room 1: Clean room
- Area/Room 2: Processing room
- Area/Room 3: Amplification room

PROCEDURE A: Follow the activities in the table below for equipment and room decontamination
Equipment and Room Decontamination

Activity	Step	Action (refer to Table 1 for recommended schedule)
PPE	1	Gloves and lab coat required
Tube racks Room 2	2	Soak tube racks in 5% Extran for minimum of 5 min after each run set-up and when visibly contaminated <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Rinse with water▪ Air dry

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Cooling block	3	Wipe down aluminum disc cooling block with Sani-Cloth Bleach Wipe after each use. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allow bleach to sit for 4 – 5 min ▪ Rinse with water ▪ Air dry Caution: Do not leave bleach on aluminum equipment more than 5 min – the metal will corrode.										
Hoods, Pipettes and Bench tops Room 2 & 3	4	Wipe down hoods, pipettes and benchtops after each procedure and when visibly contaminated <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th>Location</th> <th>Step</th> <th>Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Room 2 and 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sani-Cloth Bleach ▪ Water ▪ 70% alcohol </td> <td>a</td> <td>Allow bleach to sit 4 – 5 min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b</td> <td>Remove bleach residue with water followed by 70% alcohol</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c</td> <td>Lay pipettes flat in hood</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Location	Step	Action	Room 2 and 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sani-Cloth Bleach ▪ Water ▪ 70% alcohol 	a	Allow bleach to sit 4 – 5 min	b	Remove bleach residue with water followed by 70% alcohol	c	Lay pipettes flat in hood
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Tacky matts	6	Change tacky matts in rooms 2 and 3 daily; more frequently if needed										
Record	7	Fill out daily maintenance log; initial										

Table 1: Routine Decontamination Schedule (*increase frequency if contamination/spills occur*)

Room	Step	Action	Frequency
Specimen Processing Room 2	1	Clean hood	After each procedure
	2	Clean benchtops, pipettes and cooling blocks	After each procedure
	3	Clean specimen racks	After each use
	4	Clean centrifuges and rotors	As needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possible contamination ▪ Spill clean-up
	5	Replace lab coats	Weekly
	6	Replace tacky matt	Daily; more frequently if needed
	7	Discard waste	Daily
Amplification Room 3	1	Clean benchtops	After each procedure; more frequently if required
	2	Clean Simplexa Integrated Cyclor	As needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possible contamination ▪ When returning instrument for service
	3	Replace lab coats	Weekly
	4	Discard amplification waste	After each run (Zip lock)
	5	Replace tacky matt	Daily; more frequently if needed

REFERENCES

1. Simplexa™ 3M™ Integrated Cyclor Studio 5.0 , 3M™ Integrated Cyclor Operator Manual Reference 34-8710-8239-1, PI.MOL1101.IVD_REV. F for use with IVD assays, Focus Diagnostics 2009-2012, Focus Diagnostics, Inc. Cypress, CA
2. [Simplexa Operator's Manual IVD](#) Appendix C

Historical Record

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1	P. Ackerman	12.08.2016	Initial Version