FilmArray[®] BioThreat Panel Quick Guide

For use with BioFire® FilmArray® 2.0 System



NOTE: BioFire® FilmArray[®] 2.0 Instrument should be powered on and ready for use prior to pouch preparation.

STEP 1: Prepare Pouch

- a. Insert pouch into Pouch Loading Station.
- b. Place Sample Injection Vial into red well.
- c. Place Hydration Injection Vial into blue well.

STEP 2: Hydrate Pouch

- **a.** Twist off Hydration Injection Vial, leaving blue plastic cover in Pouch Loading Station, and insert into pouch hydration port.
- **b.** Forcefully push down to puncture seal and verify that Hydration Solution has been drawn into pouch.

STEP 3: Prepare Sample Mix

Add Sample Buffer:

- a. Hold the Sample Buffer Tube so that the tip is facing up.
- Gently pinch the textured plastic tab on the side of the tube until the seal snaps
 NOTE: Do not touch the tip of the tube.
- c. Invert the tube over the Sample Injection Vial.
- d. Dispense Sample Buffer by squeezing the liquid-filled end using a slow, forceful squeeze, followed by a 2nd squeeze.

NOTE: Squeezing the tube additional times will generate excessive foaming, which should be avoided.

For Liquid Samples (including Air-into-PBS / Dry Filter / Liquid):

- **a.** After collecting the liquid sample, use Transfer Pipette to draw filter wash or liquid to the 3rd line (approx. 300 uL) and add to Sample Injection Vial.
- **b.** Tightly close the lid of the Sample Injection Vial and mix sample by gently inverting **3 times**.
- c. Return the Sample Injection Vial to the red well of the Pouch Loading Station.







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STEP 3: Prepare Sample Mix (cont.)

For Surface Swab Samples (including Powder / Surface):

- **a.** After collecting sample, place the tip of the swab into the Sample Injection Vial and swirl for **5** seconds.
- **b.** Break the swab handle at the molded break point, leaving the tip of the swab in the Sample Injection Vial.

NOTE: If the swab handle does not have a molded break point, cut the tip of the swab with clean scissors, leaving the tip of the swab in the Sample Injection Vial.

- c. Discard the handle in an appropriate waste container.
- d. Tightly close lid of Sample Injection Vial and mix sample by gently inverting 3 times.
- e. Return Sample Injection Vial to red well of Pouch Loading Station.

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- **a.** With Sample Injection Vial in the Pouch Loading Station, twist to loosen it from the red plastic cover and pause for **5** seconds.
- b. Lift Sample Injection Vial from red plastic cover and insert into Sample port.
- c. Forcefully push down to puncture seal and verify that Sample Mix has been drawn into pouch.

STEP 5: Run Pouch

STEP 4: Load Sample Mix

a. Follow instructions on screen for starting a test.
 NOTE: Select BT PBS protocol.

Step 6: Review Report

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- **Run Summary** *Displays information about the sample.* Internal Controls:
 - If 'Pass', results are valid.
 - If 'Fail' or 'Invalid', RETEST SAMPLE.

2 **Result Summary** - Displays the test results for each organism.

- 'Detected': Lists names of any detected organisms.
- 'Not Detected': Lists names of organisms that were not detected.
- 'N/A', pathogen was not reported. Refer to Instruction Booklet for more information.

Run Details - Displays information about the pouch, protocol, run status, operator, instrument, serial number, and lot number. Run Status:

- If 'Completed', run is complete.
- If 'Incomplete', 'Aborted', or any other error message, **RETEST SAMPLE**.



NOTE: Refer to the *FilmArray BioThreat Panel Instructions for Use* for reporting information. If repeated error messages are obtained, contact *BioFire Defense Technical Support*.



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