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BioFire®

# BioThreat Panel

## Instructions for Use for BIOFIRE® SPOTFIRE® System



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## INTENDED USE

The BioFire® BioThreat Panel is a qualitative, multiplexed, nucleic acid-based test intended for use with the BIOFIRE® SPOTFIRE® Systems. The BioFire BioThreat Panel detects bacterial and viral pathogens, and toxin-encoding genes, directly from environmental samples, including liquid, powder, and surface swabs. The pathogens and toxin-encoding genes identified by the BioFire BioThreat Panel are listed in **Table 1**. Results from the BioFire BioThreat Panel are not intended to be used for diagnosis, treatment, or other patient management decisions.

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## SUMMARY AND EXPLANATION OF THE TEST

The BioFire BioThreat Panel tests for sixteen (16) bacterial, viral, and toxin-encoding biothreats with a total of 26 assay targets (**Table 1**). Results for the BioFire BioThreat Panel are available in about one hour.

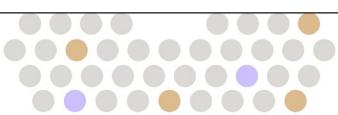
**Table 1. Targets Detected by the BioFire BioThreat Panel**

| Bacteria   |
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| <i>Bacillus anthracis/Bacillus</i> species           |
| <i>Brucella melitensis/Brucella</i> species          |
| <i>Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei</i> <sup>1</sup> |
| <i>Coxiella burnetii</i>                             |
| <i>Francisella tularensis</i>                        |
| <i>Rickettsia prowazekii/Rickettsia</i> species      |
| <i>Yersinia pestis</i>                               |
| Viruses  |
| <i>Orthoebolavirus zairensen</i>                     |
| <i>Orthomarburgvirus marburgense</i>                 |
| <i>Orthopoxvirus</i> spp.                            |
| Variola virus  |
| Eastern equine encephalitis virus                    |
| Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus                 |
| Western equine encephalitis virus                    |
| Toxin-Encoding Genes <sup>2</sup>                    |
| <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> (Botulinum toxin)       |
| <i>Ricinus communis</i> (Ricin toxin)                |

<sup>1</sup> The *Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei* assay may be cross-reactive with other *Burkholderia* species.

<sup>2</sup> The BioFire BioThreat Panel does not detect toxins directly. The panel only detects genes that encode these toxins.

**NOTE:** *Scientific names of these organisms may differ from those shown on the SPOTFIRE Report, but this does not affect the assay interpretation of these organisms.*



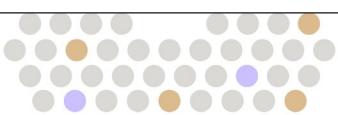
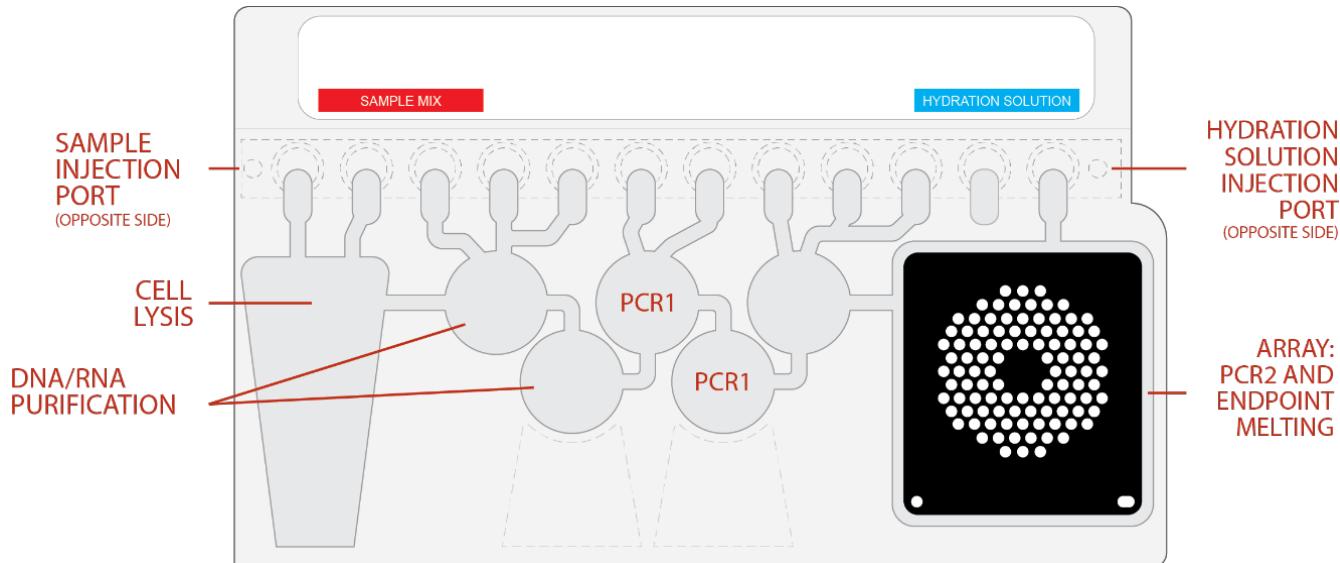
## PRINCIPLE OF THE PROCEDURE

The BioFire BioThreat Panel is a closed-system disposable that stores all the necessary reagents for sample preparation, reverse transcription, polymerase chain reaction (PCR), and detection in order to isolate, amplify, and detect nucleic acids from multiple pathogens within a single sample. A variety of environmental samples can be tested by the BioFire BioThreat Panel. After sample collection and preparation, the user injects FilmArray® Hydration Solution and sample combined with FilmArray® Sample Buffer into the pouch, places the pouch into a BIOFIRE SPOTFIRE Systems, and starts a run.

The entire run process takes about an hour. Additional details can be found in the *BIOFIRE SPOTFIRE System Operator's Manual*.

### During a run, the BIOFIRE system:

- Lyses the sample by agitation (bead beating) in addition to chemical lysis mediated by the Sample Buffer.
- Extracts and purifies all nucleic acids from the sample using magnetic bead technology.
- Performs nested multiplex PCR by:
  - First performing reverse transcription and a single, large volume, highly-multiplexed reaction (PCR1).
  - Then performing multiple singleplex second-stage PCR reactions (PCR2) to amplify sequences within the PCR1 products.
- Uses endpoint melting curve data to detect and generate a result for each target on the BioFire BioThreat Panel array.



## MATERIALS PROVIDED

Each BioFire BioThreat Panel kit contains sufficient reagents to test 6 samples (Part No. RFIT-ASY-0094). Materials include:

- Individually packaged BioFire BioThreat Panel pouches
- Single-use (1.0 mL) FilmArray Sample Buffer Ampoule
- Single-use pre-filled (1.5 mL) FilmArray Hydration Injection Vials (**blue**)
- FilmArray Sample Injection Vials (**red**)
- Individually packaged Transfer Pipettes
- Instructions available online at <https://www.biofiredefense.com/product-support/filmarray-support/>
  - *BioFire BioThreat Panel – Instructions for Use for BIOFIRE SPOTFIRE System*
  - *BioFire BioThreat Panel – Instructions for Use for BIOFIRE FILMARRAY 2.0*
  - *BioFire BioThreat Panel – Quick Guide*

**NOTE:** Additional documentation is available online at [www.biofiredefense.com](http://www.biofiredefense.com)

## MATERIALS REQUIRED BUT NOT PROVIDED

- BIOFIRE® SPOTFIRE® System including:
  - BIOFIRE® FILMARRAY® Pouch Loading Station
  - BioFire® BioThreat Panel Pouch Module Software is required to run the BioFire BioThreat Panel and is available by request at [www.biofiredefense.com](http://www.biofiredefense.com) if not already installed on the instrument system
- 10% bleach solution or a similar disinfectant

## OPTIONAL MATERIALS

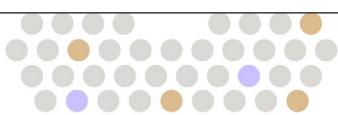
- For dry air filter samples:
  - 50 mL conical tube
  - PBS with 0.1% Triton X-100
- For powder or surface swab samples:

### Option 1

- Sterile, single-use synthetic sample swab (dacron, rayon, macrofoam, polyester, etc)
- Sterile scissors, to cut handles of swabs without molded breakpoint

### Option 2 (Non-sterile)

- BioFire® FilmArray® Powder or Surface Swab Accessory Kit (Part No. NGDS-ASY-0012)



# WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

## General Precautions

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1. The BioFire BioThreat Panel is for Environmental Surveillance and Research Use Only. This product is not intended for use in diagnostic procedures.
2. This test is intended only for use in biological surveillance activities as described in the Intended Use.
3. The BioFire BioThreat Panel is a qualitative test and does not provide quantitative values for the targets in the sample.
4. Always check the expiration date on the pouch. Do not use a pouch after its expiration date.
5. BioFire pouches are stored under vacuum in individually wrapped canisters. To preserve the integrity of the pouch vacuum for proper operation, be sure that a BIOFIRE system will be available and operational before unwrapping any pouches for loading.
6. Components from this kit should not be stored or used with any other kit. Discard any extra components from the kit after all pouches have been used.
7. Bleach introduced in a sample may damage nucleic acids in the sample, which may inhibit detection of the targets in the sample.

## Safety Precautions

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1. Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including (but not limited to) disposable clean powder-free gloves and lab coats. Protect skin, eyes, and mucus membranes. Change gloves often when handling reagents or samples.
2. Handle all samples and waste materials as if they were capable of transmitting infectious agents. Observe safety guidelines such as those outlined in:
  - CDC/NIH *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories*<sup>1</sup>
  - CLSI Document M29 *Protection of Laboratory Workers from Occupationally Acquired Infections*<sup>2</sup>
3. Follow your organization's safety procedures for handling biological samples.
4. Dispose of materials used in this test (including reagents, samples, and used buffer tubes) according to federal, state, and local regulations.
5. Sample Buffer is assigned the following classifications:

The following statements apply:

- Acute toxicity (Category 4),
- Serious eye damage (Category 1), and
- Skin irritation (Category 2).

Please refer to the appropriate Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for more information:

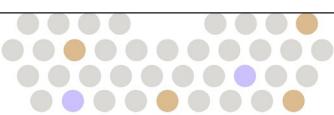
<https://www.biofiredefense.com/product-support/safety-data-sheets/>

6. Sample Buffer will form hazardous compounds and fumes when mixed with bleach or other disinfectants.

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**WARNING: To avoid generating chlorine gas,  
never add bleach to Sample Buffer or sample waste.**

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7. Bleach, a recommended disinfectant, is corrosive and may cause severe irritation or damage to eyes and skin. Vapor or mist may irritate the respiratory tract. Bleach is harmful if swallowed or inhaled.
  - Eye contact: Hold eye open and rinse with water for 15-20 minutes. Remove contact lenses after the first 5 minutes and continue rinsing eye. Seek medical attention.
  - Skin contact: Immediately flush skin with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If irritation develops, seek medical attention.
  - Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. Drink a glass of water. If irritation develops, seek medical attention.
  - Please refer to the appropriate Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for more information.

## Laboratory Precautions

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### 1. Preventing Sample Contamination

Due to the sensitive nature of the BioFire BioThreat Panel, it is important to guard against contamination of the sample and work area by carefully following the testing process outlined in this instruction document, including these guidelines:

- To avoid potential contamination, samples should be processed in a biosafety cabinet. If a biosafety cabinet is not available, a dead air box or protective shield should be used when preparing sample for testing.
- Do not handle samples or pouches in a biosafety cabinet which is used for manipulating pathogen culture.
- Prior to processing samples, thoroughly clean both the work area and the Pouch Loading Station using a suitable cleaner such as freshly prepared 10% bleach or a similar disinfectant. To avoid residue buildup and potential damage to the sample or interference from disinfectants, wipe disinfected surfaces with water.
- Samples and pouches should be handled and/or tested one-at-a-time. Always change gloves and clean the work area between each pouch and sample.
- Use clean gloves to remove materials from bulk packaging bags and reseal bulk-packaging bags when not in use.

### 2. Preventing Amplicon Contamination

A common concern with PCR-based assays is contamination of the work area with PCR amplicon. Because the BioFire BioThreat Panel pouch is a closed system, the risk of amplicon contamination is low, provided that the recommended procedures are followed, and pouches remain intact after the test is completed. Adhere to the following guidelines, in addition to those above, to prevent amplicon contamination:

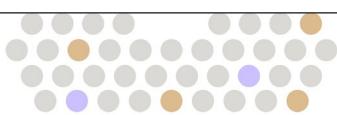
- Discard used pouches in a biohazard container immediately after the run has completed.
- Avoid excessive handling of pouches after test runs.
- Change gloves after handling a used pouch.
- Avoid exposing pouches to sharp edges or anything that might cause a puncture.

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**WARNING: If liquid is observed on the exterior of a pouch, the liquid and pouch should be immediately contained and discarded in a biohazard container. The instrument and workspace must be decontaminated as described below and in the specific operator's manual.**

**DO NOT PERFORM ADDITIONAL TESTING UNTIL THE AREA HAS BEEN DECONTAMINATED.**

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## REAGENT STORAGE, HANDLING, AND STABILITY

1. Store the test kit, including reagent pouches and buffers, at room temperature (18-25°C). **DO NOT REFRIGERATE.**
2. Avoid storage of any materials near heating or cooling vents, or in direct sunlight.
3. All kit components should be stored and used together. Do not use components from one kit with those of another kit. Discard any extra components from the kit after all pouches have been consumed.
4. Do not remove pouches from their packaging until a sample is ready to be tested. Once the pouch packaging has been opened, the pouch should be loaded as soon as possible (within approximately 30 minutes). A pouch may be run when the vacuum seal is broken if hydration is successful. If hydration is not successful, the pouch must be discarded.
5. Once a pouch has been loaded, the test run should be started as soon as possible (within approximately 60 minutes). Do not expose a loaded pouch to temperatures above 40°C (104°F) prior to testing.
6. Always check the kit expiration date and do not use reagents beyond the expiration date printed on the pouch or kit.

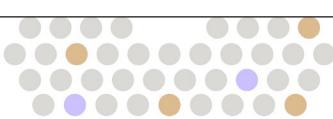
## SAMPLE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following table describes recommendations for sample collection, preparation, and handling that will help ensure accurate test results. Samples should be tested with the BioFire BioThreat Panel as soon as possible. Users collecting suspicious powder and swab samples for on-site assessment should follow industry best practices in accordance with ASTM E2458-17 and their organization's procedures.

**Table 2. Recommendations for Sample Collection.**

|                                     | Potential Sample Types  |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|                                     | Liquid Samples<br>(including Air-into-<br>PBS / Dry Filter /<br>Liquid) | Powder Samples  | Surface Swab<br>Samples   | ASTM E2458-17<br>Method B Swab  |
| Recommended<br>Sample<br>Collection | Collect ~300 µL of<br>liquid sample.                                    | Wet a sample swab<br>with sample buffer.<br>Touch wetted swab to<br>a powder pile or<br>source, then add to<br>Sample Injection Vial. | Drag a dry sample<br>swab across the<br>surface suspected of<br>contamination, then<br>add to the Sample<br>Injection Vial. | Add the collected<br>swab to the Sample<br>Injection Vial, cutting<br>off the tip so it remains<br>in the vial. |

**NOTE:** Bleach can damage organisms/nucleic acids within the sample, potentially causing interference or failure to detect the intended targets. Contact between bleach and samples during collection, disinfection, and testing procedures should be avoided.



## SAMPLE COLLECTION

The sample gathering instructions below are recommendations. Follow your organization's guidelines for sample collection as requirements may vary. For questions about compatibility of sample collection methods contact BioFire Defense Technical Support.

### Dry Air Filter

1. Place dry air filter into a 50 mL conical tube with collection side facing away from the side of the tube.
2. Add 10 mL PBS with 0.1% Triton X-100 to the conical tube.
3. Cap tube and shake by hand for 2 minutes.

### For Powder Samples:

Wet the tip of the swab. Touch the tip of sample swab to powder sample.

### For Surface Swabs Samples:

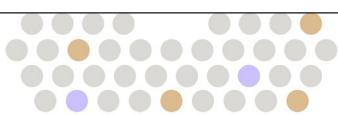
Wet the tip of the swab. Wipe the swab over sampling area using horizontal S-strokes or Z-strokes over the surface. Recommended maximum surface area should be 20 by 20 cm (8 by 8 in.).

## PROCEDURE

Samples should be collected prior to opening a pouch. Use clean gloves and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when handling pouches and samples. Only prepare one BioFire BioThreat pouch at a time and change gloves between samples and pouches. Particular attention should be given to the laboratory precautions noted under the *Warnings and Precautions* section to avoid potential contamination of the sample or testing area.

Once sample is added to the pouch, promptly transfer to the instrument to start the run. After the run is complete, discard the pouch in a biohazard container.

Refer to the *BIOFIRE SPOTFIRE System Operator's Manual* for more details.

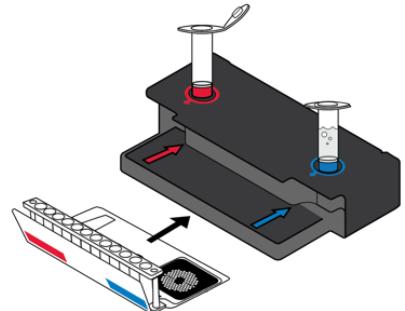


## Step 1: Prepare Pouch

1. Thoroughly clean the work area and the Pouch Loading Station with freshly prepared 10% bleach (or suitable disinfectant) followed by a water rinse.
2. Remove the pouch from its vacuum-sealed package by tearing or cutting the notched outer packaging and opening the protective aluminum canister.

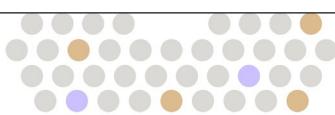
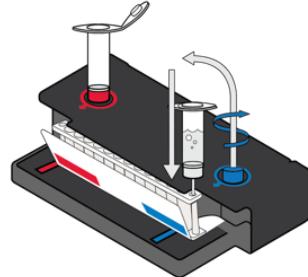
**NOTE:** *The pouch may still be used even if the vacuum seal of the pouch is not intact. Attempt to hydrate the pouch using the steps in the Hydrate Pouch section. If hydration is successful, continue with the run. If hydration fails, discard the pouch and use a new pouch to test the sample.*

3. Check the expiration date on the pouch. Do not use expired product.
4. Insert the pouch into the Pouch Loading Station, aligning the **red** and **blue** labels on the pouch with the **red** and **blue** arrows on the Pouch Loading Station.
5. Place a **Sample Injection Vial** (with red cover) into the **red well** of the Pouch Loading Station.
6. Place a **Hydration Injection Vial** (with blue cover) into the **blue well** of the Pouch Loading Station.



## Step 2: Hydrate Pouch

1. Unscrew the **Hydration Injection Vial** from the **blue cover**.
2. Remove the **Hydration Injection Vial**, leaving the **blue cover** in the Pouch Loading Station.
3. Insert the **Hydration Injection Vial** cannula into the **pouch hydration port** located directly below the **blue arrow** of the Pouch Loading Station.
4. Forcefully push down in a firm and quick motion to puncture seal until a faint “pop” is heard and there is an ease in resistance. Wait as the correct volume of Hydration Solution is pulled into the pouch by vacuum.
  - If the hydration solution is not automatically drawn into the pouch, re-insert **Hydration Injection Vial** to ensure that the seal of the **pouch hydration port** was broken. If Hydration Solution is again not drawn into the pouch, discard the current pouch, retrieve a new pouch, and repeat from Step 1: *Prepare Pouch*.
5. Verify that the pouch has been hydrated.
  - Flip the barcode label down and check to see that fluid has entered the reagent wells (located at the base of the rigid plastic part of the pouch). Small air bubbles may be seen.
  - If the pouch fails to hydrate (dry reagents appear as white pellets), re-insert **Hydration Injection Vial** to ensure that the seal of the **pouch hydration port** was broken. If Hydration Solution is still not drawn into the pouch, discard the current pouch, retrieve a new pouch, and repeat from Step 1: *Prepare Pouch*.



## Step 3: Prepare Sample Mix

### Add Sample Buffer:

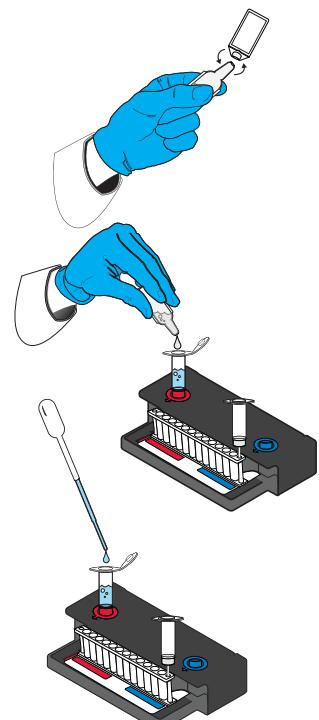
1. Hold the Sample Buffer Ampoule with the tip facing up.

**NOTE:** Avoid touching the ampoule tip during handling, as this may introduce contamination.

2. Gently twist off the plastic tab on the tip.
3. Invert the ampoule over the Sample Injection Vial and dispense Sample Buffer using a slow, forceful squeeze followed by a second squeeze.

**NOTE:** Avoid squeezing the tube additional times. This will generate foam.

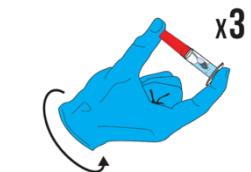
**WARNING:** Contact with sample buffer can cause serious eye damage and skin irritation and is harmful if swallowed.



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

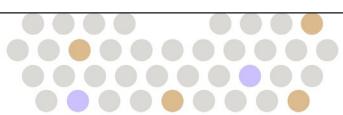
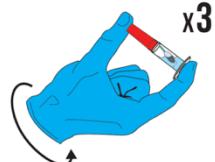
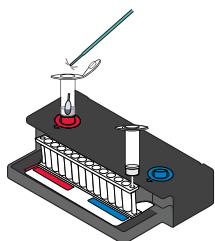
**NOTE:** Gently invert sample container until thoroughly mixed

1. After collecting the liquid sample, use Transfer Pipette to draw filter wash or liquid to the 3<sup>rd</sup> line (approx. 300  $\mu$ L) and add to **Sample Injection Vial**.
2. Tightly close the lid of the **Sample Injection Vial** and mix sample by gently inverting **3 times**.
3. Return the **Sample Injection Vial** to the red well of the Pouch Loading Station.



### For Swab Samples (including Powder / Surface):

1. After collecting the sample, place the swab into the **Sample Injection Vial** and swirl **for 5 seconds**.
2. 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**.
3. Discard the handle in an appropriate waste container.
4. Tightly close lid of **Sample Injection Vial** and mix sample by gently inverting **3 times**.
5. Return **Sample Injection Vial** to red well of the Pouch Loading Station.



## Step 4: Load Sample Mix

1. Slowly twist to unscrew the **Sample Injection Vial** from the red cover and wait for 5 seconds with the vial resting in the cover.

**NOTE:** *Waiting 5 seconds decreases the risk of dripping and contamination from the sample.*

2. Lift the **Sample Injection Vial**, leaving the **red cover** in the well of the Pouch Loading Station, and insert the **Sample Injection Vial** into the **pouch sample port** located directly below the red arrow of the Pouch Loading Station.

3. Forcefully push down in a firm and quick motion to puncture seal (a faint "pop" is heard) and sample is pulled into the pouch by vacuum.

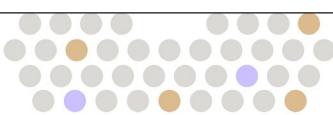
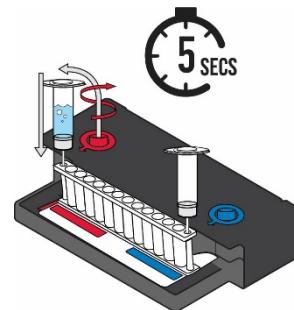
4. Verify that the sample has been loaded.

- Flip the barcode label down and check to see that fluid has entered the reagent well next to the **sample loading port**.
- If the pouch fails to pull sample from the **Sample Injection Vial**, the pouch should be discarded. Discard the **Sample Injection Vial** and the **Hydration Injection Vial** in a biohazard container. Retrieve a new pouch and repeat from *Step 1: Prepare Pouch*.

5. Screw the injection vials back into their plastic covers in the Pouch Loading Station before disposing of them in a biohazard container.

6. Record the Sample ID in the provided area on the pouch label (or affix a barcoded Sample ID) and remove the pouch from the Pouch Loading Station.

**NOTE:** *Optional added operator protection: Before removal from biosafety cabinet, run a bleach wipe, a paper towel with 10% bleach (one part bleach to nine parts water), across the top of the pouch from the **pouch hydration port** to the **pouch sample port**, and follow with a water wipe. This reduces the potential for contact with small amounts of sample mixed with Sample Buffer that may be retained at the **pouch sample port**.*



## Step 5: Run Pouch

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The BIOFIRE SPOTFIRE System Software includes step-by-step on-screen instructions that guide the operator through performing a run. Brief instructions for the SPOTFIRE are given below. Refer to the *BIOFIRE SPOTFIRE System Operator's Manual* for more detailed instructions.

### SPOTFIRE System

1. Ensure that the SPOTFIRE System is powered on and the software is launched.
2. Log in to the software and select an available Module on the Home Screen and follow on-screen instructions to run test.

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**Note: The SPOTFIRE System has a QC Mode which is not used for the BioFire BioThreat Panel.  
All samples must be run from the Home Screen.**

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3. Scan the barcode on the pouch using the barcode scanner.
  - Pouch identification (Lot Number and Serial Number), Pouch Type, and Protocol information will be automatically entered when the barcode is scanned. If it is not possible to scan the barcode, the pouch Lot Number, Serial Number, Expiration Date, and Pouch Type can be manually entered from the information provided on the pouch label into the appropriate fields.
4. Scan sample ID.
  - The Sample ID can be entered manually or scanned in by using the barcode scanner when a barcoded Sample ID is used.
5. Review the entered run information on the screen before inserting the pouch.

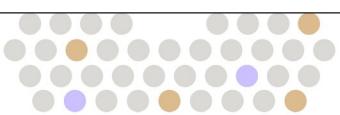
**NOTE:** *The selected Module's front panel LED will blink blue, indicating it is ready to accept a pouch.*

6. Insert the pouch into the Module that is blinking blue. The Module will grab onto the pouch and pull it into the chamber and automatically start the run.
  - Once the run has started, the screen displays the panel name and sample ID, and the minutes remaining on the run

**NOTE:** *The selected Module's front panel LED will turn solid green to indicate that the run is in progress.*

**NOTE:** *The bead-beater apparatus makes an audible, high-pitched noise during the first minute of operation*

  - When the run is finished, the pouch will automatically eject from the SPOTFIRE System.
7. Use gloves to remove pouch from SPOTFIRE System and discard the pouch in a biohazard container.
8. Results are automatically created upon completion of a run. The test report can be viewed by clicking the Complete tile on the Home Screen or by clicking the appropriate icon for Test Results. The run file is automatically saved in the system database, and the test report can be viewed, printed, and/or saved as a PDF file.



# QUALITY CONTROL

## Process Controls

Three internal process controls are included in each pouch:

### 1. RNA and DNA Process Controls

The RNA and DNA Process Control assays target an RNA transcript and genomic region, respectively, from the yeast *Schizosaccharomyces pombe*. The yeast is present in the pouch in a freeze-dried form and becomes rehydrated when sample is loaded. The control material is carried through all stages of the test process, including lysis, nucleic acid purification, reverse transcription, PCR1, dilution, PCR2, and DNA melting. Positive control results indicate that all steps carried out in the BioFire BioThreat Panel pouch were successful.

### 2. PCR2 Control

The PCR2 Control assay detects a DNA target that is dried into wells of the array along with the corresponding primers. A positive result indicates that PCR2 was successful.

For the SPOTFIRE instrument, all control assays must be positive for the test run to pass. If controls fail all results will be listed as 'Invalid' and the sample should be retested using a new pouch.

# INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

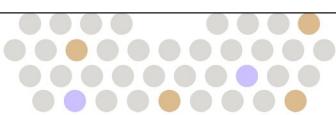
## Assay Interpretation

When PCR2 is complete, the systems perform a DNA melting analysis on the PCR products and measures the fluorescence signal generated in each well (for more information see the appropriate operator's manual). The software then performs several analyses and assigns a final assay result for every well. The steps in the analyses are described below.

**Analysis of Melt Curves.** The software evaluates the DNA melt curve for each well of the PCR2 array to determine if a PCR product was present in that well. If the melt profile indicates the presence of a PCR product, then the analysis software calculates the melting temperature (Tm) of the curve and compares it against the expected Tm range for the assay. If the software determines that the Tm falls inside the assay- specific Tm range, the melt curve is called positive. If the software determines that the melt curve is not in the appropriate Tm range, the melt curve is called negative.

**Analysis of Replicates.** Once positive melt curves have been identified, the software evaluates the replicates for each assay to determine the assay result. For an assay to be called positive, at least two associated melt curves must be called positive, and both Tm values must be similar. Assays that do not meet these criteria are called negative.

The BioFire BioThreat Panel automatically interprets and returns results (Detected, Not Detected, or Possible Detection) for each pathogen. The interpretation is based on the results of one or more assays for each pathogen as shown in **Table 3**. In cases where a control assay has failed all analyte results are reported as Invalid (**Figure 3**).



**Table 3. Assay Number and Interpretation Rules for the BioFire BioThreat Panel**

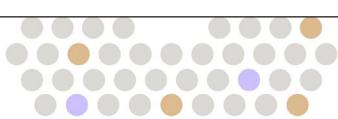
| Interpretation                                       | No. of Assays | Assay Interpretation Rules  |
|--|---------------|---|
| <b>BACTERIA</b>                                      |               |   |
| <i>Bacillus anthracis/Bacillus</i> spp.              | 3             | See Table 4   |
| <i>Brucella melitensis/Brucella</i> spp.             | 2             | See Table 5   |
| <i>Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei</i> <sup>1</sup> | 2             | Any Positive = Detected   |
| <i>Coxiella burnetii</i>                             | 2             | Any Positive = Detected   |
| <i>Francisella tularensis</i>                        | 2             | Any Positive = Detected   |
| <i>Rickettsia prowazekii/Rickettsia</i> spp.         | 2             | See Table 6   |
| <i>Yersinia pestis</i>                               | 2             | See Table 7   |
| <b>VIRUSES</b>                                       |               |   |
| <i>Ebola Zaire</i>                                   | 1             | Positive = Detected   |
| <i>Marburg virus</i>                                 | 2             | Any Positive = Detected   |
| <i>Orthopox</i> genus virus                          | 2             | Any Positive = Detected   |
| <i>Variola</i> virus                                 | 2             | Both Assays Positive AND Both Orthopox Genus Virus Assays Positive = Detected |
| <i>EEE</i> Virus                                     | 1             | Positive = Detected   |
| <i>VEE</i> Virus                                     | 2             | Any Positive = Detected   |
| <i>WEE</i> Virus                                     | 1             | Positive = Detected   |
| <b>TOXIN-ENCODING GENES</b>                          |               |   |
| <i>Clostridium botulinum</i>                         | 1             | Positive = Detected   |
| <i>Ricinus communis</i>                              | 1             | Positive = Detected   |

<sup>1</sup> Cross-reactivity with other *Burkholderia* spp. may be observed.

**NOTE:** Scientific names of these organisms may differ from those shown on the Report, but this does not affect the assay interpretation of these organisms.

**Table 4. *Bacillus anthracis/Bacillus* species Calling Scheme**

| Assays |      |                    | Results                   |              |
|--------|------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| pXO1   | pXO2 | Chromosome Element | Interpretation            | Call         |
| Pos    | Pos  | Pos                | <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> | Detected     |
| Neg    | Neg  | Neg                | <i>Bacillus anthracis</i> | Not Detected |
| Neg    | Neg  | Pos                | <i>Bacillus</i> species   | Detected     |
| Neg    | Pos  | Neg                | <i>Bacillus</i> species   | Detected     |
| Neg    | Pos  | Pos                | <i>Bacillus</i> species   | Detected     |
| Pos    | Neg  | Neg                | <i>Bacillus</i> species   | Detected     |
| Pos    | Neg  | Pos                | <i>Bacillus</i> species   | Detected     |
| Pos    | Pos  | Neg                | <i>Bacillus</i> species   | Detected     |



**Table 5. *Brucella melitensis*/Brucella species Calling Scheme**

| Assays |                  | Results                    |              |
|--------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Genus  | Species-Specific | Interpretation             | Call         |
| Pos    | Neg              | <i>Brucella</i> species    | Detected     |
| Neg    | Pos              | <i>Brucella melitensis</i> | Detected     |
| Pos    | Pos              | <i>Brucella melitensis</i> | Detected     |
| Neg    | Neg              | <i>Brucella melitensis</i> | Not Detected |

**Table 6. *Rickettsia prowazekii*/Rickettsia species Calling Scheme**

| Assays |                  | Results                      |              |
|--------|------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Genus  | Species-Specific | Interpretation               | Call         |
| Pos    | Neg              | <i>Rickettsia</i> species    | Detected     |
| Neg    | Pos              | <i>Rickettsia prowazekii</i> | Detected     |
| Pos    | Pos              | <i>Rickettsia prowazekii</i> | Detected     |
| Neg    | Neg              | <i>Rickettsia prowazekii</i> | Not Detected |

**Table 7. *Yersinia pestis***

| Assays |      | Results  |
|--------|------|--|
| YPT1   | YPT3 | SPOTFIRE Interpretation  |
| Pos    | Pos  | <i>Yersinia pestis</i> Detected  |
| Neg    | Neg  | <i>Yersinia pestis</i> Not Detected  |
| Pos    | Neg  | Possible Detection – Consult the Interpretation of Results section found in the Instructions for Use |
| Neg    | Pos  | <i>Yersinia pestis</i> Detected  |

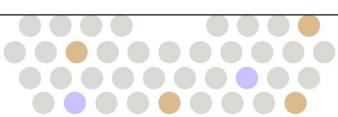
## Bacteria Reporting

### *Bacillus anthracis*/Bacillus species

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains three (3) assays for the detection of *Bacillus* spp. Two (2) assays target regions on the pXO1 and pXO2 virulence plasmids, respectively, and the third targets a chromosomal region of the *Bacillus* genus. If at least one of the assays is positive, but not all three, the result is reported as *Bacillus* species Detected. If all three (3) assays are positive the result is reported as *Bacillus anthracis* Detected. See **Table 4**.

### *Brucella melitensis*/Brucella species

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays for the detection of *Brucella melitensis*/Brucella spp. One *Brucella* genus level assay and one assay specific to *Brucella melitensis*. If the *B. melitensis* assay is positive,



the result is reported as *Brucella melitensis* Detected. If only the genus level assay is positive, the result is reported as *Brucella* species Detected. See **Table 5**.

#### ***Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei***

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays for the detection of *Burkholderia mallei* and *Burkholderia pseudomallei*. If either assay is positive the result is reported as *Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei* Detected.

**NOTE:** This assay may be cross-reactive with other species in the *Burkholderia* genus.

#### ***Coxiella burnetii***

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays for the detection of *Coxiella burnetii*. If either assay is positive the result is reported as *Coxiella burnetii* Detected.

#### ***Francisella tularensis***

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays for the detection of *Francisella tularensis*. If either assay is positive the result is reported as *Francisella tularensis* Detected.

#### ***Rickettsia prowazekii/Rickettsia* species**

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays for the detection of *Rickettsia prowazekii*. One *Rickettsia* genus level assay and one assay specific to *Rickettsia prowazekii*. If the *R. prowazekii* assay is positive, the result is reported as *Rickettsia prowazekii* Detected. If only the genus level assay is positive, the result is reported as *Rickettsia* species Detected. See **Table 6**.

#### ***Yersinia pestis***

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays, YPT1 and YPT3, for the detection of *Yersinia pestis*. YPT3 targets a genetic locus specific to *Yersinia pestis*; a positive result for the YPT3 assay will produce a *Yersinia pestis* Detected interpretation. YPT1 targets a specific genetic locus that has recently been detected in other bacterial species<sup>4</sup>. Due to the potential presence of the YPT1 genetic target in bacterial species other than *Yersinia pestis*, if only YPT1 is positive the SPOTFIRE reports the result as *Yersinia pestis* Possible Detection; additional testing is required to confirm the presence of *Yersinia pestis*.

## **Virus Reporting**

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#### **Ebola Zaire**

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains one (1) assay for the detection of *Orthobolaviruses zairensis*. If the assay is positive the result is reported as Ebola Zaire Detected.

#### **Marburg virus**

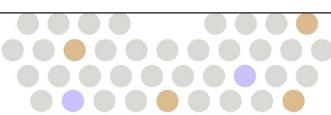
The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays for the detection of *Orthomarburgvirus marburgense*. If either assay is positive the result is reported as Marburg virus Detected.

#### **Orthopox virus genus**

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays for the detection of *Orthopoxvirus* spp. If either assay is positive the result is reported as Orthopox genus virus Detected.

#### **Variola virus**

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays for the detection of variola virus. Both variola virus assays AND both Orthopox virus genus assays must be positive for the result to be reported as Variola virus Detected.



### **EEE Virus**

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains one (1) assay for the detection of Eastern equine encephalitis virus. If the assay is positive the result is reported as EEE Virus Detected.

### **VEE Virus**

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains two (2) assays for the detection of Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus. If either assay is positive the result is reported as VEE virus Detected.

### **WEE Virus**

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains one (1) assay for the detection of Western equine encephalitis virus. If the assay is positive the result is reported as WEE virus Detected.

## **Toxin-Encoding Genes**

### ***Clostridium botulinum***

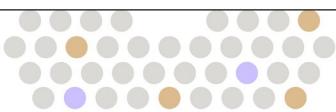
The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains one (1) assay for the detection of botulinum toxin-encoding genes. If the assay is positive the result is reported as *Clostridium botulinum* Detected.

**NOTE:** *The BioFire BioThreat Panel does not detect botulinum toxins directly.*

### ***Ricinus communis***

The BioFire BioThreat Panel contains one (1) assay for the detection of ricin toxin-encoding genes. If the assay is positive the result is reported as *Ricinus communis* Detected.

**NOTE:** *The BioFire BioThreat Panel does not detect ricin toxins directly.*



# BioFire BioThreat Panel Test Report

## SPOTFIRE Report

The SPOTFIRE test report is automatically displayed upon completion of a run and can be printed or saved as a PDF file. See **Figure 1**.

**BT BioThreat Panel**  
PCR Test

BioFire Defense, LLC

Run Date: 2026-10-12      Sample ID: SDA-POP      Operator: R. Gregerson

Results:

**DETECTED: *Bacillus anthracis***

| <b>Viruses</b> |                      | <b>Bacteria</b> |   |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|---|
| Not Detected   | Ebola Zaire          | Detected        | <i>Bacillus anthracis</i>               |
| Not Detected   | Marburg virus        | Not Detected    | <i>Brucella melitensis</i>              |
| Not Detected   | Orthopox genus virus | Not Detected    | <i>Burkholderia mallei/pseudomallei</i> |
| Not Detected   | Variola virus        | Not Detected    | <i>Coxiella burnetii</i>                |
| Not Detected   | EEE virus            | Not Detected    | <i>Francisella tularensis</i>           |
| Not Detected   | VEE virus            | Not Detected    | <i>Rickettsia prowazekii</i>            |
| Not Detected   | WEE virus            | Not Detected    | <i>Yersinia pestis</i>                  |

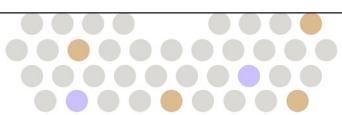
**Toxins**

|              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| Not Detected | <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> |
| Not Detected | <i>Ricinus communis</i>      |

Pouch Type: BioThreat Panel v2.5      Pouch Serial Number: 12345678      Pouch Lot: 01AD25 (sim)

Internal Process Controls: Pass      Sample Type: Sample      Instrument: SM00000 (sim)

**Figure 1. Example of BioFire BioThreat Panel Report from a SPOTFIRE System**



## Run Summary

The Run Summary section of the test report provides the date and time of the run, Sample ID, and the identity of the operator that performed the test.

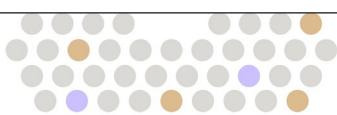
## Results Summary

The Result Summary section of the test report lists the overall results of the test. Possible test results include Detected, Not Detected, or Possible Detection. An Action Bar will appear underneath the test results only when further action is necessary.

The result for each organism tested by the panel is also shown. A red *Positive* next to an organism indicates a positive result, while a question mark next to an organism indicates an uncertain result. When no symbol is present, the result was negative. If the run result is Invalid, this section is not displayed.

**Table 8. Interpretation of Internal Controls Field on the BioFire BioThreat Panel SPOTFIRE Test Report**

| Internal Controls Result | Explanation   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Pass</b>              | The run was successfully completed<br>AND<br>Both pouch controls (RNA Process Control and PCR2 Control) were successful.          |
| <b>Fail</b>              | The run was successfully completed<br>BUT<br>At least one of the pouch controls (RNA Process Control and/or PCR2 Control) failed. |
| <b>Invalid</b>           | The controls are invalid because the run did not complete.<br>(this typically indicates a software or hardware error).            |

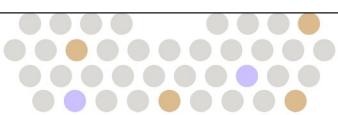


## Results Explanation and Required Actions

The Results Summary section provides a complete list of all test results. Possible results include Detected, Not Detected, and Invalid. **Table 8** provides an explanation for each interpretation and any follow-up necessary to obtain a final result.

**Table 9. Interpretation of Results on the BioFire BioThreat Panel Test Reports**

| Results                   | Explanation   | Note/Action  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Not Detected</b>       | The run was successfully completed<br>AND<br>Controls were successful (Pass)<br>AND<br>The assay(s) for the organism were<br>NEGATIVE | Results are valid. Report results.   |
| <b>Detected</b>           | The run was successfully completed<br>AND<br>Controls were successful (Pass)<br>AND<br>The assay(s) for the organism were<br>POSITIVE | Results are valid. Report results.   |
| <b>Possible Detection</b> | The run was successfully completed<br>AND<br>Controls were successful (Pass)<br>AND<br>The criteria in Table 7 were met               | Results are valid. Additional laboratory testing is required to further classify the unknown agent.  |
| <b>Fail</b>               | Run completed and control(s) failed<br>OR<br>Run did not complete   | All results are invalid because the run failed.<br><br><b>NOTE:</b> If any error codes are displayed, refer to the appropriate operator's manual for more information. If the error persists, contact Technical Support for further instruction.<br><br>Retest the sample. |

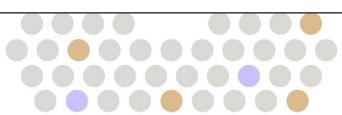
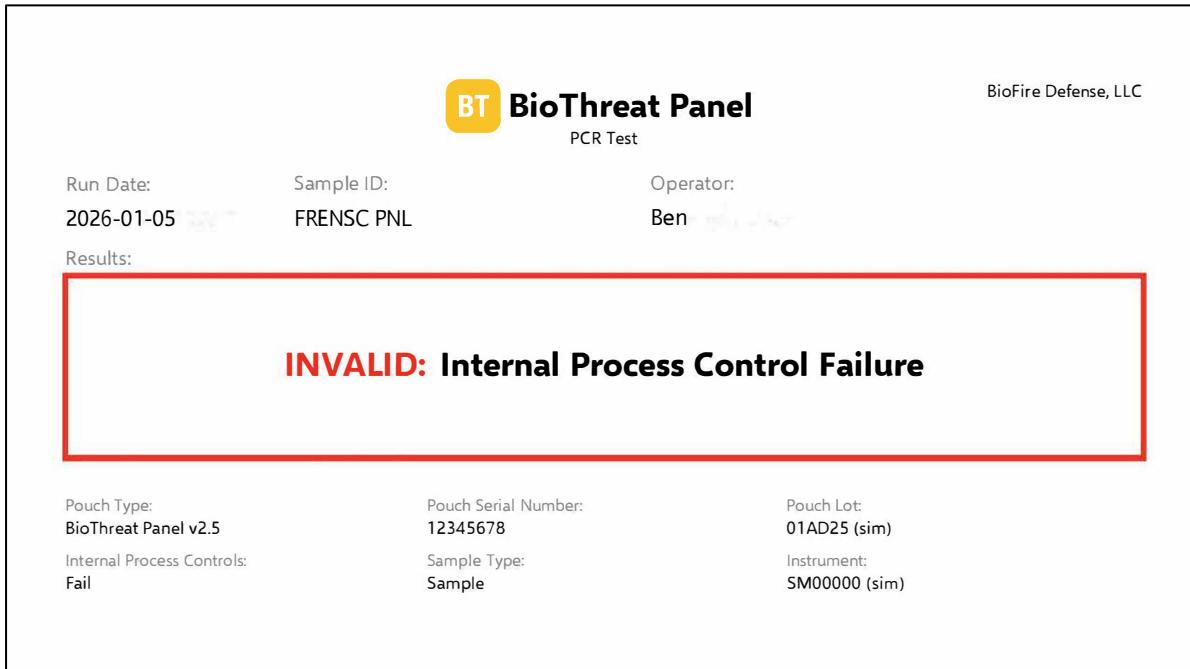


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**WARNING: Detection of two or more pathogens is uncommon and may indicate a possible contamination event. Therefore, it is recommended to retest a sample that has two or more pathogens detected to confirm the result. If the two or more positive results are not duplicated, contact BioFire Technical Support and discontinue testing until the test area has been decontaminated.**

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Figure 3. BioFire BioThreat Panel Report with failed Internal Control and Invalid results.



## CLEANING MATERIALS

This list provides items that are necessary in a laboratory to keep contamination to a minimum.

1. 10% bleach solution in a squeeze or spray bottle (1 part bleach to 9 parts water)
2. Distilled, de-ionized, sterile, or molecular grade water in a squeeze or spray bottle
3. Appropriate DNA degrading product
4. Paper towels
5. Bleach wipes

## DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES

The decontamination and cleaning procedures listed are intended to limit spread of contaminants as a result of a BioThreat Panel Detected pathogen, a suspected positive pouch, or a broken or leaked pouch. A suspected positive sample is one that the user strongly suspects may be positive for an analyte on the BioFire BioThreat Panel.

If a pouch leak or breakage occurs, change gloves and other potentially contaminated personal protective equipment (PPE). Change gloves often during the decontamination process, especially during the first steps of decontamination and before touching any clean surface. All PPE should be disposed of after decontamination.

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**CAUTION: It is important that contamination from leaking and/or punctured pouches be contained and cleaned immediately. Pouches that break after PCR contain amplified nucleic acid material that can contaminate future pouch runs. This material, although noninfectious, is easily spread if precautions are not taken. Very small (molecular) quantities can be amplified by PCR in future runs, which can result in false positives. Treat all broken pouches as capable of contaminating the work area.**

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**BIOLOGICAL RISKS:** If the pouch contains potentially infectious material, the risk of biohazard contamination exists in addition to sample contamination.

**NOTE:** *Use of distilled water is recommended for cleaning.*

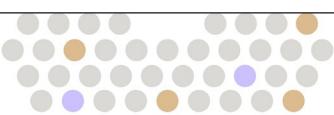
### Pouch Loading Station Decontamination

Routine cleaning of the Pouch Loading Station includes a 10% bleach wipe followed by two water wipes before each new pouch is loaded.

In the event of work with a BioThreat Panel Detected pathogen, a suspected positive sample, or contamination from a sample spill, or a pouch leak, perform the following decontamination procedures:

1. Put on clean PPE, such as lab coat and gloves.
2. Fill a sink or bin with water and add bleach to create a 10% bleach solution.
3. Submerge the Pouch Loading Station until completely covered with bleach solution. Soak for 15 minutes.
4. Remove Pouch Loading Station from sink or bin. Replace bleach solution with distilled water.
5. Rinse the Pouch Loading Station by completely submerging in water two additional times.

Contact BioFire Defense Technical Support to obtain a replacement Pouch Loading Station, if necessary.



## Decontamination Related to Detected Pathogen or Toxin-Encoding Gene, or Pouch Leakage

If a pouch was loaded with a BioFire BioThreat Panel detected pathogen, a suspected positive sample, or if the pouch leaks, take the following precautions to avoid contamination:

1. Put on clean PPE, such as a lab coat, gloves, and eye protection.
2. Ensure no one uses the instrument or potentially contaminated areas until the decontamination is complete.
3. Decontaminate the instrument and work area and dispose of the pouch using the following steps:
  - a. Dispose of potentially contaminated gloves and put on clean gloves.
  - b. Dispose of the potentially contaminated lab coat and put on a clean lab coat.
  - c. Discard leaking pouch in biohazard container.
  - d. Change gloves.
  - e. Clean the instrument and affected work areas per the guidelines below.

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**CAUTION: Use only 10% bleach solution, water, and/or DNA degrading product to decontaminate the instrument and Pouch Loading Station.**

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## BIOFIRE SPOTFIRE Instrument Decontamination

1. Put on clean PPE, such as a lab coat and gloves.
2. Remove pouch from Module and dispose in biohazard waste container.
3. Dispose of potentially contaminated gloves and lab coat and put on clean gloves and lab coat.
4. Wet a paper towel with water and wipe all exterior surfaces of the SPOTFIRE System, including the bottom. Wipe the surface where the Module had contact with contaminants from a broken or leaked pouch.
5. Wet paper towel with the 10% bleach solution and wipe all exterior surfaces of the SPOTFIRE System. Let it stand for at least 3 minutes to allow the bleach solution to react with any contaminants. Discard paper towel in biohazard waste. Change gloves.

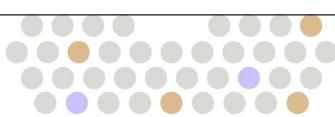
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**CAUTION: The interior of the pouch slot and Module(s) should not be cleaned.  
Do not spray or insert any cleaning materials into the Module.**

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## Decontamination of Bench Tops and Other Areas

1. Put on clean PPE, such as a lab coat and gloves.
2. Spray the 10% bleach solution on the area that may have been contaminated. Let it stand for at least three minutes to allow the bleach solution to react with any contaminants on the surface.
3. Wipe the area with a clean paper towel. Change gloves.
4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 twice, for a total of three wipes.
5. Change gloves. Spray the area with distilled water.
6. Wipe the area dry with a new paper towel. Change gloves.
7. Spray the area with an appropriate DNA degrading product. Follow the product's instructions for correct use. Change gloves.
8. Rinse the area by spraying it with distilled water and wiping it dry.



## Check Function of Decontaminated Instrument

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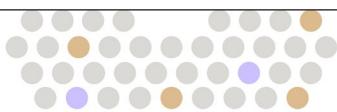
1. Test a negative sample by preparing a pouch, using water as the sample. Use distilled, sterile, or molecular grade water for the test.
2. If run is successful and all results are negative, continue using the instrument as normal.
3. If unexpected positive results are obtained or the run fails, please contact BioFire Defense Technical Support for further instructions.

## Check for Environmental Contamination

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After decontaminating instrument as described above, use environmental swabs to check for contamination by following the protocol below:

1. Prepare four aliquots of 0.2 mL of molecular grade water.
2. Place one environmental swab in each aliquot and let soak for five minutes.
3. Thoroughly swab exterior of instrument and accessories, especially areas of operator contact.
4. Return each swab to its original aliquot and mix the sample well.
5. Dispose of swabs and combine the four aliquots into one.
6. Load pouch as described in Procedure section of this document.
  - a. Load 0.2 mL of combined swabbing aliquot as the sample using Transfer Pipette, by drawing liquid up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> line.
  - b. Add sample to Sample Injection Vial.
  - c. Proceed with normal pouch loading procedure.
7. If positive result is found, repeat decontamination step, and contamination testing until no contamination is detected.
8. If problems persist, contact BioFire Defense Technical Support for further instructions.

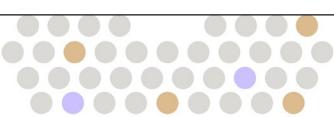


## APPENDIX A

### Symbols Glossary

The following symbols can be found on labeling for the SPOTFIRE, BioFire BioThreat Panel kit, kit components, and throughout accompanying packaging.

| ISO 7000<br>Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Registered Symbols                                      |                                  |          |   |          |   |
|--|----------------------------------|----------|---|----------|---|
| 3082<br>   | Manufacturer                     | 2607<br> | Use by date<br>(YYYY-MM-DD)   | 2492<br> | Batch Code<br>(Lot Number)  |
| 2493<br>   | Catalogue Number                 | 2498<br> | Serial Number   | 2606<br> | Do Not Use if<br>Package Is<br>Damaged  |
| 0624<br>   | Keep Away from<br>Sunlight       | 0632<br> | Temperature Limit   | 1051<br> | Do not re-use   |
| 1641<br>   | Operator's Manual                | 0518<br> | Counting<br>(Quantity)  |          |   |
| United Nations Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of chemicals (GHS) (ST/SG/AC.10/30) |                                  |          |   |          |   |
|  | Serious eye damage<br>Category 1 |          | Acute aquatic hazard<br>Category 1<br>Long-term aquatic<br>hazard<br>Category 1 |          | Acute toxicity<br>Oral, Category 4<br>Skin<br>corrosion/irritation,<br>Category 2 |
| Manufacture Symbols (BioFire Defense, LLC)   |                                  |          |   |          |   |
|  | BioFire Defense<br>Logo          |          | BioFire<br>BioThreat Panel  |          |   |



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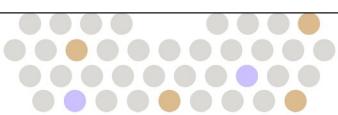
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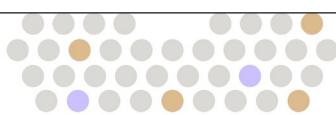
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### Revision History

| Version | Revision Date | Description of Revision(s)                         |
|---------|---------------|--|
| 01      | October 2025  | Initial Release                                    |
| 02      | December 2025 | Removed step on Clear Cap and PBS Protocol comment |





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