Wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

Put on the gloves.

Use new gloves for each patient.

Open the cap of the sample processing vial or specimen collection tube. Label tube with patient identifier.

Solid fecal specimens: Collect the sufficient fecal specimens using the specimen collection swab.

Liquid fecal specimens: Draw liquid fecal specimens up to the fill line using disposable dropper.

Tightly recap sample processing vial or collection tube and shake to mix contents.

Break or open the outer end of the cap (point away or cover with tissue to avoid splash). Dispense 4 drops of processed sample into labelled 5 ml test tube.

Carefully open test pouch. Discard if damaged, or if desiccant is missing or changed in color. Write patient’s name on the dipstick or cassette.

Dipstick: Place the dipstick in the test tube with the arrows facing down. Confirm the end of the dipstick is submerged in the processed sample.

Cassette: Hold the collection tube vertically and dispense 3 drops into specimen well “S”.

Dipstick: Wait 15-30 minutes.

Remove dipstick and read the result.

Cassette: Wait 15 minutes after adding the specimen and read the results.

As each RDT type, even from the same manufacturer, may have different positions for positive and control lines on the strip, please use the instructions provided with the specific RDT in use for correct interpretation.

Example ➔ The control line MUST appear for all valid results. If it does not appear, the result is considered invalid and the specimen should be retested using a new test kit.