

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Allow the test, reagents, and/or controls to reach room temperature (1-30°C) prior to testing.

1. Bring the pouch to room temperature before opening it. Remove the test strip from the sealed pouch and use it as soon as possible. !
2. Hold the Reagent A bottle vertically and add 4 full drops (approximately 240  $\mu$ L) of Reagent A to an extraction test tube. Reagent A is red in color. Hold the Reagent B bottle vertically and add 4 full drops (approximately 160  $\mu$ L) of Reagent B. Reagent B is colorless. Mix the solution by gently swirling the extraction test tube. The addition of Reagent B to Reagent A changes the color of the solution from red to pale yellow. See illustration 1.
3. Immediately add the throat swab into the extraction test tube of yellow solution. Agitate the swab by rotating it at least 10 times. Leave the swab in the extraction test tube for 1 minute. Then express the liquid from the swab head by rolling the swab against the inside of the tube and squeezing the tube as the swab is withdrawn. Discard the swab. See illustration 2.
4. With arrows pointing toward the specimen, immerse the test strip vertically into the extracted specimen solution and then start the timer. If the procedure is followed correctly, the extraction solution should not pass the maximum line (MAX) on the test strip when the strip is immersed. See illustration 3.
5. Leave the strip in the extraction tube and wait for the colored line(s) to appear. Read results at 5 minutes. Do not interpret the result after 10 minutes.

