

Rapid HIV Testing Supplies & Equipment

Anyone conducting rapid HIV testing will need the following equipment and supplies in order to set up a lab.

- Small refrigerator – for specimens only, no food storage.
- Minimum-Maximum thermometer for fridge/room where testing supplies are stored.*
- Latex or nitrile disposable gloves
- Bio hazard bags
- Bio hazard sharps container**
- Bio hazard sign for the fridge
- An absorbent pad to cover and protect your work station***
- A digital timer
- Sharpies (indelible pens)
- Gauze pads
- Band aids
- Alcohol pads
- Disinfectant wipes****
- Bleach and spray bottle for mixing up a 10% bleach/90% water solution daily*****

* Min/Max thermometer available from VWR International at 800.932.5000 or www.vwrsp.com
Price \$18.55. Item No. 82021-172

** Small, table-top sharps containers available from **Sam's Club** and **CVS**.

*** Available from most pet stores or at Wal-Mart near Depend's.

**** Metrex Research Cavi Wipes available from Vitality Medical at www.vitalitymedical.com or 800.397.5899 - price \$15.86. Item No. MAP131100. OK to choose a different brand. Note: to be effective, wipes must be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

***** Bleach is cheaper than disinfectant wipes, works well on most surfaces to decontaminate any blood spill and/or to clean your work area before and after testing, but will discolor any type of fabric.