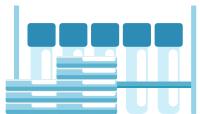
DO'S AND DON'TS TO PREVENT CROSS-CONTAMINATION





DO

- ✓ Use individual or daily aliquots of processing reagents and discard any leftover
- Keep specimen tubes tightly closed and clean outside prior to mixing or handling
- ✓ Wait 5 minutes after mixing before uncapping a tube and open gently to avoid aerosol generation
- Pour decontamination reagents slowly down side of tube to prevent splashing
- Process specimens of known positive patients last within batch
- Use a splash-proof discard container to avoid production of aerosols



DON'T

- Use common beakers or flasks of reagents when processing specimens
- Solution Touch lip of tube with container during addition of reagents
- Skeep more than one tube open at the same time
- ❷ Place tubes too close to each other in the rack
- Use positive controls
- Process laboratory
 proficiency or quality
 control strains in same
 batch as patient specimens
- Disturb or impede airflow in the biological safety cabinet (BSC)
- ⊗ Work in a BSC if uncertain about airflow









