**Solutioning for Safety**



**Drug Testing Guide**

**Instant read swabs**

* 24-36 hour maximum window of detection
* Detects marijuana, cocaine, PCP, amphetamines, methamphetamines, non-synthetic opioids, and cocaine
* Not lab confirmed (not admissible in court as evidence as there is no lab verification)
* Drug tests results are available immediately

**Lab confirmed swabs**

* 24-36 hour maximum window of detection
* Detects marijuana, cocaine, PCP, amphetamines, methamphetamines, non-synthetic opioids, and cocaine
* These are lab confirmed-the case worker collects the sample and sends it out in a sealed evidence envelope where it is then handled by the lab. Any positive samples are retested and verified by a medical review officer (MRO)
* Results are available online once the testing is completed by the lab

**Urinalysis testing**

* \*3-5 day window of detection for most substances detected (marijuana will remain in urine longer, up to 45 days for heavy use)
* Detects all of the substances listed for oral swab testing plus benzodiazepines (Xanax, Alprazolam, Klonopin), expanded opiate panel (synthetic opiates like oxycodone), methadone, barbiturates, methaqualone, and propoxyphene
* Lab confirmed tests-any positive sample is verified by a medical review officer
* Results are available online once the testing is completed by the lab

**Hair strand tests**

* Detects historical use. Head hair tests detect use over the last 90 days. Body hair can detect use for up to one year.
* Detects marijuana, cocaine, PCP, amphetamines, methamphetamines, non-synthetic opioids, and cocaine
* Lab confirmed tests-any positive sample is verified by a medical review officer
* Results are available online once the testing is completed by the lab

**Nail Testing**

* Detects historical use. Nail testing goes back 6-9 months
* Detects marijuana, cocaine, PCP, amphetamines, methamphetamines, non-synthetic opioids, and cocaine
* Lab confirmed tests-any positive sample is verified by a medical review officer
* Results are available online once the testing is completed by the lab

**Specialty tests**

* Alcohol
* K2/Spice
* Bath salts
* D/L isomer testing (used only to confirm disputed methamphetamine positive results)

**Non-DFPS tests**

**Meconium tests**

* Lab confirmed tests
* Detects use of any substance during pregnancy after the 10th- 12th week of pregnancy
* Time frame cannot be narrowed down from 10th-12th week to the time of delivery using this test alone. Supplemental testing (urinalysis and hair strand testing) can help narrow down the usage time frame.

**Urine kit tests**

• Not lab confirmed-are considered screening tools

**Things to consider**

* Any positives for opiates, amphetamines, or benzodiazepines should be verified against a valid prescription for those medications.
* A methamphetamine positive will often also have an amphetamine positive. This is simply due to the metabolic breakdown of methamphetamine into its base components once ingested-it does not necessarily indicate abuse of amphetamines separate from the methamphetamine abuse
* PCP is often paired with marijuana and those two drugs will often show up positive together on a drug test. PCP is a liquid and marijuana or traditional cigarettes are often dipped in the liquid as a means to uptake the PCP.
* Individuals using codeine based medications (Tylenol III or codeine based cough syrups) will test positive for morphine as codeine is converted to morphine through the metabolic process.
* Hair strand tests (head) done sooner than once every 100 days will have some overlap of timeframe detection period.

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