

## Disinfecting Testing Materials

We have had many questions from our customers about disinfecting their testing materials. Refer to local, state, and federal guidance to determine if you should provide in-person testing at this time. If you determine testing is appropriate, it is then important to think about how to disinfect your test materials and maintain safety while in testing sessions.

To learn more about proper disinfection techniques, refer to the CDC website which provides guidelines for environmental and material disinfection in various settings.

### General Suggestions:

- Disinfect all materials carefully before and after testing and have the examinee wash his or her hands before and after use.
- Do not touch the materials yourself after they are disinfected and prepared.
- Ensure examinees do not have a latex allergy before using latex gloves.
- Where appropriate, wipe down non-paper or porous materials with disinfectant wipes.
- Wash hands frequently, especially after handling any contaminated materials, emptying waste baskets, and touching cleaning materials.
- Face masks/coverings are recommended whenever 6 ft social distancing is not possible.

While these are general guidelines to follow when testing in-person, specific guidance for test materials used in the administration of Riverside Insights clinical assessments such as BDI-2 NU, WJ IV, Bateria IV, WMLS III, and ECAD are outlined below.

### Use of Stimulus Books/Test Books:

- Stimulus books/Test books are often central to the administration of an assessment. However, paper products are difficult to clean with solvents, as they can smear stimulus content and permanently damage pages. Consider ways you can eliminate the need to have examinee touch paper stimulus books/test books, including pointing, verbalizing, or pointing using a pencil so they do not touch the actual book. You should not wipe the paper pages of the test books and/or stimulus books with disinfectant wipes, as the ink may smear or come off.
- Wiping down the Buckram binders of the WJ IV with disinfectant wipes will not damage the binder itself.

### Use of Manipulatives:

- Manipulatives, such as toys contained in the BDI-2 kits, can be wiped down after each use with disinfectant wipes or washed in soap and water. After a child has handled a manipulative, it should be placed in a Ziplock bag or container marked as “dirty” so it does not come in contact with other disinfected materials within a kit. After testing, those manipulatives in the “dirty” Ziplock or container should be thoroughly washed with soap and water or wiped down with a disinfectant wipe before adding them back into the kit to be used with the next examinee.
- It is important to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after touching materials used in the testing sessions before touching any other materials or your face.

Sincerely,

Your Riverside Insights Clinical Product Team