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What to do in the Event of a Failed Biological Spore Test

- Immediately **STOP** use of the sterilizer.
- Do not use instruments processed after the last PASSED biological spore test. If you cannot verify when an instrument was sterilized it must not be used.
- Immediately contact Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 and ask to speak with a Public Health Inspector.
- Initiate your written back up plan or procedure.
- Repeat the biological spore test.
- If the repeat biological spore test yields a PASSED result and there is not an indication of a system malfunction – continue as normal, but re-sterilize all the instruments processed after the last PASSED biological spore test.
- If it has been determined that the sterilizer has malfunctioned or if the repeat biological spore test yields a FAILED result, have the sterilizer repaired.
- Once the sterilizer has been repaired, have it biologically tested with three consecutive biological spore tests. Once three PASSED biological test results are obtained – continue as normal, but re-sterilize all the instruments affected by the original FAILED biological test result.

Source: Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, Infection Prevention and Control Best Practices for Personal Services Settings, 2009.
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