

LHD Testing UPDATE July 18, 2022

Who can request testing supplies from MDHHS? – MDHHS supports many vulnerable populations with testing support. This communication is specifically about LHD and K-12 School testing support.

LHD Support: MDHHS can provide LHDs with free over the counter COVID-19 test kits and Antigen COVID-19 tests to support outbreak and emergency response efforts. We ask that:

- LHDs support the immediate testing needs of organizations during current outbreak and emergency situations and refer them back to MDHHS by providing this email contact: mdhhs-covidtestingsupport@michigan.gov (not the ordering form link).
- When schools contact LHDs for testing support we ask that LHDs only support the immediate need and direct the school to this form to order tests: [MI Safer Schools: School DISTRICT Antigen COVID Test Ordering Form](#).
 - LHDs may order point of care COVID-19 tests directly from MDHHS using this form (Schools should not be given this link): [Testing and Support Ordering Form](#).
 - LHDs may order over-the-counter test (OTC) kits from MDHHS using this form: [Michigan COVID-19 Over-the-Counter Test Request Form](#).
- MDHHS also supplies tests on a regular basis to the following and asks LHDs to use discretion when supplying tests to them given that MDHHS provides them with the needed testing supplies:
 - LTC (SNF, ALF, AFC, HFA, Hospice)
 - Schools (K-12)
 - Department of Corrections
 - Jails
 - Migrant Worker sites
 - Psychiatric hospitals
 - FQHCs
 - Shelters
 - Libraries
 - Juvenile Justice facilities
- LHDs should not regularly support hospitals, physicians' offices, pharmacies, universities, and other sites that have the purchasing power to obtain tests independently. A limited interim supply may be offered until they can get tests if experiencing an outbreak or some other immediate need.

Test Ordering Information:

- Please allow up to two weeks for processing and shipment. If an outbreak is occurring and tests are needed immediately, this should be indicated on the ordering form and the request will be elevated.
- Orders should be placed for no more than a 1-month supply at a time. There are testing supply constraints and the current supplies that MDHHS will be distributing have a shelf life of 4-5 months. To ensure tests are used and provided to all vulnerable populations' requests must only be based on projected needs for the month.

- **Expiration dates:** Please use the lot number on the box of tests to identify the correct expiration date. (Lot numbers on individual tests are used by Abbott internally)
- **Reporting remains a federal requirement.** All point of care antigen tests that are administered, must be reported daily through the MDHHS antigen reporting portal (not directly to the LHD), found here [Michigan Antigen Testing Results](#). OTC tests that are distributed and not administered by a professional individual, do not require reporting. If LHD administers an OTC test, please ensure results are reported to [Michigan Antigen Testing Results](#).
- **Lost Reagent (Abbott):**
If a bottle of reagent is lost or missing, sites may contact [Abbott Technical Support](#) through the form link or by phone at **1-800-366-8020**, to request a replacement bottle. We are unaware of the time required for Abbott to process these requests so if you need tests quickly you may ask MDHHS (or your ISD) for a replacement box which will include more tests and reagent while you are waiting for Abbott's shipment.