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TO: All Licensed Urgent Care Centers

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DATE: December 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Requirements for BinaxNow Antigen Test Cards to Licensed Urgent Care Centers

The Connecticut Department of Public Health, in conjunction with the Office of the Governor, will be offering Abbott BinaxNOW™ SARS-CoV-2 antigen test cards to DPH-licensed Urgent Care Centers.

Before a licensed Urgent Care Center can receive these antigen test cards, certain requirements must be met, including state and federal requirements.

Please join us on Wednesday December 23, 2020 at 3pm to learn more about criteria for receipt of Abbott BinaxNOW™ SARS-CoV-2 antigen test cards from the State of Connecticut.

Please email Caroline.Wadman@ct.gov for an invitation to the videoconference.

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Requirements for Licensed Urgent Care Facilities to Receive BinaxNow Antigen Test Cards to (December 18, 2020)

The State of Connecticut is pleased to offer licensed Urgent Care Facilities Abbott BinaxNOW™ SARS-CoV-2 antigen test cards.

On December 23, 2020 from 3:00-4:00pm, we will hold a meeting with urgent care centers to discuss training, appropriate use, point-of-care laboratory licensing requirements and reporting requirements associated with the Abbott BinaxNOW™ SARS-CoV-2 antigen test cards from the State of Connecticut.

Once appropriate training and laboratory licensing requirements have been met, antigen test cards will be distributed free of charge to licensed urgent care facilities from the State supply.

“Rapid” antigen testing for SARS-CoV-2 can be helpful and lead to more timely contact tracing and testing when timely turnaround times for molecular reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) results are not achievable. Antigen tests can provide point-of-care (POC) diagnosis for individuals presenting with possible COVID-19 infection. Detection of viral antigen is generally less sensitive than nucleic acid detection using RT-PCR however, which could lead to erroneous results.

Recipients should review and understand DPH’s Interim Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Testing and Reporting in Connecticut.

Consider using antigen testing for:

- Symptomatic individuals with recent-onset symptoms consistent with COVID-19
- Asymptomatic individuals who undergo serial screening (e.g. nursing home staff/residents)
- Asymptomatic individuals who previously tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 and need asymptomatic screening

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