

May 25, 2021

DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS DATA CENTER NOTICE NO. 20-209

FROM: Job Corps Data Center

SUBJECT: Donating Expiring Rapid ID NOW Tests for Late May and Early 2021

From November 2020 through January 2021, Job Corps provided all active Job Corps centers with COVID-19 infection testing supplies. The amounts provided by Job Corps were based on each center's onboard strength (OBS), estimated number of students returning to Job Corps campuses, center staffing levels, and projected testing and re-testing needs. Due to decreasing OBS, lower than estimated numbers of students returning to campus, and the program's low on-campus COVID-19 transmission rates, centers are using Abbott ID NOW testing reagents at a much slower rate than originally estimated. Having more than enough supplies to continue to test center staff and students is reassuring, however, the rapid Abbott ID NOW test reagents provided to centers have a shelf life of six months. Some of the reagents at centers have expiration dates in late May and early June 2021.

To minimize waste, Job Corps has worked with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify community and other entities in need for testing supplies. In April 2021, a number of centers donated expiring test reagents to ten (10) recipients associated with FEMA. You are receiving this notice now because Job Corps has identified your center as one with rapid ID NOW test kits expiring in the next few weeks. Please see the attached Donation Assignment Sheet noting the suggested quantities of expiring reagent kits for donation and instructions for shipping these quantities to three (3) FEMA identified donation recipients. Quantities on this sheet reflect information centers have provided on their testing inventory. You are asked to evaluate your centers' testing situation, decide the final # of test kits to donate, and ship the quantities of kits to the individuals and organizations using the addresses provided in the list. Job Corps centers are responsible for the shipping costs, not the FEMA recipients.

The test kits must be shipped no later than **COB Thursday, May 27, 2021**. Upon shipping, each center must enter the donation information in the weekly JCDC data call for test inventory, vaccination, and donations, including the number of kits donated, date of shipment, and FedEx/UPS/USPS tracking number(s). Job Corps will work with FEMA to organize more rounds of donations in the coming weeks as applicable.

Job Corps will also continue monitoring center testing supply quantities and process additional supplies for centers as needed. All questions related the donation should be directed to Lawrence Lyford in the National Office of Job Corps via email to lyford.lawrence@dol.gov.