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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS DATA CENTER NOTICE NO. 21-036
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FROM: Job Corps Data Center

SUBJECT: COVID Test Priority Use

This notice is distributed to: All National Office Staff, All Regional Office Staff, All Center Directors, All Operators, All National Training and Support Contractors, All Outreach and Admissions Contractors, All Career Transition Services Contractors

All Job Corps centers currently have mature infrastructures and processes for two types of COVID-19 infection testing on center – the rapid point-of-care Abbott ID NOW test or the M2000 PCR test through the laboratory testing contractor MCI Diagnostic. Recently, Job Corps has been experiencing delays in receiving the rapid Abbott ID Now testing supplies from the manufacturer and the delays are likely to continue for an extended period of time. With the decreasing inventory of the rapid tests at centers and the expected delays in new supplies, Job Corps is planning to increase the purchase and distribution of the M2000 PCR diagnostic test kits via MCI in the coming days as a temporary remedy. Job Corps is asking centers to use the M2000 tests as the primary testing option during this time.

1. The National Office will determine a minimum number of rapid ID NOW tests for each center to keep, and the Regional Offices will coordinate redistribution of tests amongst centers in the coming days.
2. All the centers will receive more M2000 PCR tests soon. Until the supply issue improves with the rapid ID NOW tests, centers should use the M2000 PCR tests as the primary test option in the following testing situations identified in PIN 20-19 *Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Infection Testing Equipment and Center Staff Training*:
 - Programmatic quarantine testing – day 0 and day 7 or 8 with quarantine continuing until day 14 if negative (students must be in individual quarantine until day 0 test results have returned);
 - Close contact exposure quarantine: test on day 5 to 7 with quarantine continuing for 14 days if negative; and
 - Staff testing within 5 days of resumption of operations or within 5 days of start for new hires.
3. During this period, centers should use the rapid ID NOW test only in the following testing situations identified in PIN 20-19 *Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Infection Testing Equipment and Center Staff Training*:
 - Residential student develops signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19; and
 - Outbreak investigation when the rapid testing of staff and students to determine degree of involvement across campus is essential.
4. When reporting the inventory of COVID infection tests for the weekly JCDC survey, centers must make sure NOT to include expired tests in the inventory. This will help

ensure the data accuracy and enable the National Office and regional offices to make correct decisions.

5. Centers must return expired rapid ID NOW test kits to MCI immediately for proper disposal.

This JCDC Notice will be made available on the Job Corps Community Webpage.

ATTENTION: Please do not reply directly to this e-mail notice. If you have questions about this notice, inquiries should be directed to Lawrence Lyford at Lyford.Lawrence@dol.gov.