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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS DATA CENTER NOTICE NO. 21-049
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FROM: Job Corps Data Center

SUBJECT: 90-day Extension on Rapid ID NOW Test Shelf Life

Since last October, the National Office has been supplying centers with rapid ID NOW COVID-19 infection tests purchased from the manufacturer Abbott via MCI. Because this type of rapid tests has a short shelf life of six (6) months, many of our centers with rapid ID NOW tests are facing different expiration dates in October and November 2021. However, we have received confirmation from Abbott that the Food and Drug Administration has issued a revision to the ID NOW COVID-19 test Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) and extended the shelf life of the kit from six (6) to nine (9) months. This applies to all the ID NOW test kits currently in centers' possession. With this good news, all the ID NOW tests on centers will have a longer shelf life of nine (9) months. Centers should plan their use accordingly. The Abbott EUA extension notice is attached.

Questions regarding this subject should be directed to Lawrence Lyford of the National Office at Lyford.Lawrence@dol.gov.