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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS DATA CENTER NOTICE NO. 21-086
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FROM: Job Corps Data Center

SUBJECT: Modified Testing Protocol

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. Job Corps has recently obtained more rapid Abbott ID Now supplies and MCI is shipping 1,168 kits to centers during the week of November 22, 2021. This JCDC Notice is to modify the testing protocol that was established in JCDC Notice 21-036 published on September 2, 2021. With the increasing inventory of the rapid tests at centers, Job Corps is asking centers to use the rapid and M-2000 tests under the following protocol during this time.

1. All centers will continue to use the rapid Abbott ID NOW testing supplies in the following situations as previously identified in JCDC Notice 21-036, COVID-19 Test Priority Use:
 - Residential student develops signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19; or
 - Outbreak investigation when the rapid testing of staff and students to determine degree of involvement across campus is essential.
2. All centers may additionally now use the rapid Abbott ID NOW testing supplies for the following testing situations:
 - Close contact exposure for a fully vaccinated student who does not require quarantine;
 - Staff testing within 5 days of resumption of operations or within 5 days of start for new hires; or
 - Weekly screening COVID-19 testing for nonresidential students who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or decline to answer vaccination status.
3. Rural centers, equipped with more rapid ID NOW tests now, may use them for any COVID-19 required testing.
4. Urban and suburban centers should continue to use the M-2000 PCR testing supplies as the primary testing source:
 - Testing during programmatic quarantine for on-center students who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, or decline to answer vaccination status:
 - i. Day 0 Entry Testing. Students must be in individual quarantine until test results have returned from MCI.

