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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS DATA CENTER NOTICE NO. 22-025
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FROM: Job Corps Data Center

SUBJECT: Updated COVID-19 Testing Scenarios

This is to inform the Job Corps community that, effective immediately, the National Office of Job Corps is updating testing guidance for centers. In JCDC Notice 21-196, released on June 27, 2022, Job Corps identified all the testing scenarios and types of COVID-19 tests and MCI testing codes to use for each scenario. This new JCDC Notice updates the testing scenarios and corresponding tests and codes based on the latest developments at the center level and the test supply situation. Please see the attached chart entitled *Student COVID-19 Testing Scenarios, Type of Test, and Test Codes (Updated)*.

There two testing scenario changes to the June 27, 2022 JCDC Notice 21-196 are summarized as below:

- 1) “*Symptomatic*” – test with an antigen test. Use the following decision tree:
 - If antigen test result is positive, the student has COVID-19 and is placed in isolation. No further test is necessary.
 - If antigen test is negative, perform a confirmatory NAAT test using the Abbott ID Now.
- 2) Centers will no longer use a confirmatory Abbott ID Now test if a student tests positive on antigen test in the “*Student Screening*” and “*Day of Entry*” scenarios. A positive antigen test will be treated as a positive and the student should be placed in isolation. The “Confirmation of positive antigen test after Student Screening or Day of Entry test” entry in the June 27, 2022 version of the *Student COVID-19 Testing Scenarios, Type of Test, and Test Codes* has been removed in the attached updated version.

The National Office of Job Corps will no longer order and supply PCR tests to centers via MCI. Centers that still have PCR testing supplies should use these tests until they are depleted or expire. MCI will continue to receive and process PCR test samples. Centers may use the remaining PCR tests for student screening testing or initial Close Contact Exposure (CCE) testing, and only when a student will be in quarantine.

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