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TO: DPH Partners and Stakeholders

FROM: Erin McDermott, Health Program Supervisor
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RE: COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Kit Shelf-Life Extensions

The State of Connecticut distributed millions of at-home COVID-19 antigen rapid test kits in early 2022 to municipalities, schools, faith-based organizations, non-profits, and healthcare facilities to allow for convenient, rapid self-testing during the Omicron variant surge. Several products were distributed by the State of Connecticut, including the following brands: iHealth, QuickVue, BinaxNow, Flowflex, and On/Go. The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to provide K-12 schools with iHealth test kits.

While the remainder of this memorandum focuses on the iHealth COVID-19 antigen rapid test kits product, links for other COVID-19 antigen rapid test kits, and their corresponding shelf-life extensions are provided in this correspondence should you have an existing inventory of other products.

The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted a three-month extension for the iHealth COVID-19 antigen rapid test. That FDA authorization extended the shelf-life of all iHealth tests with expiration dates on or before 2022-09-29 for an additional three months. For example, if the expiration date printed on your box is 2022-07-21, the updated expiration date is 2022-10-20.

iHealth test kit instructions are available from the DPH in multiple languages including Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Haitian Creole, Japanese, Khmer, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. If you have any questions about the iHealth test



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kits distributed by the DPH, or to obtain alternative language instructions for the iHealth test kits, please submit an email to PHAD.dph@ct.gov.

Please visit the links below to view the FDA authorized antigen rapid test kits products, extensions, and to look up the new expiration dates.

FDA iHealth extension: <https://www.fda.gov/media/158007/download>

<https://www.fda.gov/media/157340/download>

FDA BinaxNow extension: <https://www.fda.gov/media/158002/download>

<https://www.fda.gov/media/158003/download>

FDA FlowFlex extension: <https://www.fda.gov/media/158005/download>

For a full list of all COVID-19 rapid antigen self-test kits approved for use by the FDA under an Emergency Use Authorization, and details on their shelf-life extensions, please use the following link:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list>

Thank you.

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