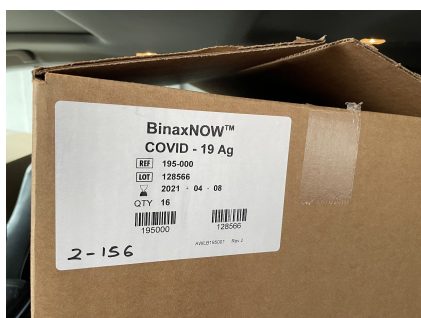Dear Testing Administrator,

We wanted to bring several things to your attention regarding Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 rapid antigen point of care (POC) tests you may have in your inventory:

1. **Expiration dates for some BinaxNOW tests have been extended:** Please see the attached letter, highlighting which Abbott BinaxNOW test lots may be impacted. Please do not dispose of any tests before you refer to the attached file to see if yours have been given an extended expiration date. You will need to locate the LOT number on the BinaxNow kits (box of 40 tests). Here is are screen shots to help you locate that information:

2. **The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is offering a platform for COVID-19 Test Exchange:** The goal of the Test Exchange is to provide an easy way for facilities to either ask for additional Abbott BinaxNOW tests or offer surplus tests. Through the test exchange, you will be "matched" with another facility or state that is in the opposite situation. You will be provided their contact information and then you would negotiate transport, shipping, or any other logistical information. Depending on the distance of your match, you may need to pay for shipping but this would be negotiated between the two parties.

   For more information on the Test Exchange please see the attached document. The HSS Test Exchange is open to anyone with a CLIA certificate, not just State and Local government. If you have additional questions, email TestExchange@datarobot.com.

To access the Exchange Form, please visit HHS Test Exchange Form

Also, Abbott is now making their rapid POC test, BinaxNOW, available for direct purchase HERE. If you wish to procure your own BD tests, please visit https://www.bdveritor.com/ordering-reimbursement/covid19-testing/.

For more information, the MDH Rapid POC Testing Team maintains a web page at https://health.maryland.gov/rapid-poc-test. The page features a variety of informational materials, including official orders and guidance for the use of rapid POC tests.

If you have any concerns about rapid POC testing-related matters, please contact MDH.RapidPOCtest@Maryland.gov.

Thank you for helping to keep Marylanders Safe,

The Maryland COVID-19 Testing Task Force