

DATE:	2021 August 20
TO:	All Zones - All AHS and APL sites with Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 devices
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	POCT ID NOW COVID-19 Kit Shelf Life Expiry Change to 12 Months

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Key Message

- Effective August 4, 2021, Health Canada has approved the Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 test kit expiry and shelf life to be extended. It now has a 12-month shelf life from the product manufactured date.

Why this is important

- The shelf life extension will lengthen the use of test kits from the current 9 months to 12 months.

Action Required

- Be aware of the shelf life change and label current kit boxes accordingly. Update future boxes if expiry is less than 12 months. Communicate the change to your clinical practice area. There are no additional changes to the testing procedure.
- Future test kits will have the 12-month date reflected.

Effective

- August 4, 2021

Inquiries and feedback

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