

DATE:	2022 July 11
TO:	All Zones - All AHS and APL sites with Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 devices
FROM:	Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)
RE:	ID NOW COVID-19 kit shelf-life expiry extended to 24 months

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Key Message

- Effective May 20, 2022, Health Canada has approved the Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 test kit expiry to 24-month from the product manufactured date.

Why this is important

- Expiry extension (shelf-life) will lengthen the use of test kits from current 18 months to new 24 months.
- ID NOW COVID-19 kits in use are labelled to expire in August or September 2021. The expiry should be extended to **August or September 2023**.
- Known Affected ID NOW COVID-19 Kit Lots:

ID NOW Kit LOT	Label Expiry	Revised / Extended Expiry
M145309	2-Aug-21	2-Aug-23
M145309	2-Aug-21	2-Aug-23
M147988	15-Aug-21	15-Aug-23
M148336	17-Aug-21	17-Aug-23
M148595	18-Aug-21	18-Aug-23
M150761	28-Aug-21	28-Aug-23
M150719	1-Sep-21	1-Sep-23
M151905	7-Sep-21	7-Sep-23
M151915	9-Sep-21	9-Sep-23
M151601	9-Sep-21	9-Sep-23
1027097	11-Sep-21	11-Sep-23
1027094	11-Sep-21	11-Sep-23

**There may be other circulating lot numbers that cannot be accurately tracked; all Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 kit lots impacted

Action Required

Be aware of the shelf-life change and label current kit boxes accordingly.

- Update future boxes received at your site if the expiry is less than 24 months
- Communicate the change to your clinical practice area
- There are no additional changes to the testing procedure

Effective May 20, 2022



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