

DATE:	2021 May 28
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

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Key Message

- Effective May 26, 2021 Health Canada has approved the Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 test kit expiry and shelf life to be extended. It now has a 9-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 6 months to 9 months.

Action Required

- Be aware of the shelf life change and label current kit boxes accordingly. Update future boxes if expiry is 6 months. Communicate the change to your clinical practice area. There are no additional changes to the testing procedure.
- Future test kits will have the 9-month date reflected.

Effective

- May 26, 2021

Inquiries and feedback

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