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TO: Los Angeles County residents using COVID-19 antigen (home) self-tests

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SUBJECT: **PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S BLANKET EXTENSION OF EXPIRATION DATES PRINTED ON ANTIGEN (HOME) SELF-TESTS**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) supports the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) [endorsement](#) of the emergency use of COVID-19 antigen (home) self-tests *beyond* their Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized expiration. This blanket extension states that COVID-19 antigen (home) self-tests are valid until CDPH ends the emergency extension, at which point, these tests should no longer be used beyond their printed expiration dates. DPH will ensure clear communication with residents and partnering agencies across the County when the emergency extension ends.

To determine if the test is still good to use, it is important to check that the internal control line on the test is easily visible and is the color specified in the test manufacturer's instructions for use. If the internal control line is not clearly visible or the right color, the results of the test should not be used. For detailed instructions and examples, see the webpage ph.lacounty.gov/covidselftest or flyer [Use of COVID-19 home antigen tests beyond their expiration date](#).

The emergency extension applies to *all* FDA-authorized COVID-19 home antigen tests, including:

- Abbott BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Antigen Self-Test
- AccessBio *CareStart*™ COVID-19 Antigen Home Test
- ACON *Flowflex*™ COVID-19 Antigen Home Test
- iHealth™ COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test
- OraSure *InteliSwab*™ COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test
- Quidel *QuickVue*™ COVID-19 At-Home Antigen Test
- Siemens Healthineers *CLINITEST*™ Rapid COVID-19 Antigen Test
- Xiamen *Boson*™ Rapid SARS-CoV-2 Antigen Test Card

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