



Marion County
OREGON
Health & Human Services

To: Urgent Care Providers
Fax number:

From: Marion County Health & Human Services
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Date: **February 3, 2021**

Regarding: BinaxNOW point-of-care antigen tests available for primary and urgent care providers

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ALERT

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Comments:

Oregon has received a federal allocation of Abbott Laboratories BinaxNOW point-of-care antigen COVID-19 tests. These tests require a Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) certification or CLIA waiver to perform, but do not require any additional laboratory devices to process the sample. Results can be provided to patients in as little as 15 minutes.

OHA is distributing a limited amount of these tests at no cost to primary care and urgent care providers. If your clinic is interested in receiving an allotment of these tests from OHA, or if you have already received BinaxNOW tests from OHA and are interested in receiving more, please email ORES8.AOCTestingBranch@dhsosha.state.or.us and a member of OHA's Testing Team will reach out to you. You must accept Medicare and Medicaid and have a CLIA certificate or waiver in order to be eligible to receive these tests.

BinaxNOW antigen tests are most accurate at detecting COVID-19 in symptomatic individuals; OHA recommends they be used to test patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or close contacts of COVID-19 cases. OHA does not recommend that these tests be used for screening asymptomatic individuals without an exposure history.

