

CIRCULAR

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To: Children's disABILITY Services, Community Living disABILITY Services, Child and Family Services, Early Learning and Child Care, housing providers, and homelessness service providers

Subject: Rapid test kit expiry

Type: Policy

Procedure

Effective Date: **Immediately**

In October 2021, the Department of Families emailed service providers to advise that Health Canada had extended the expiration dates for COVID-19 antigen-based rapid tests. Abbott Panbio brand kits were extended from 12 to 24 months following the date of manufacture. BD Veritor brand kits were extended from 6 to 12 months following the date of manufacture.

Some BD Veritor kits rapid test kits that government has provided for [regular testing of designated staff](#) are expiring over the coming weeks. **If your organization has kits that are nearing expiration, do not throw them away.** The department has been advised that a further extension of the expiry date may be forthcoming. We will provide an update as soon as one is available.

Thank you for your patience.