



February 12, 2021

Dear South Dakota Business Representative,

In an effort to broaden the availability of COVID-19 testing in South Dakota, the South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH) will immediately provide Abbott BinaxNOW antigen testing resources to qualifying businesses at no cost.

The BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card is a rapid test that detects SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, from upper respiratory specimens collected with a swab. This test is intended for use by individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 and should be used within seven days of symptom onset. This test may also be used to screen asymptomatic individuals for SARS-CoV-2 but recent studies show reduced test performance when testing asymptomatic individuals.

The Abbott BinaxNOW antigen test provides results in 15 minutes. A positive result indicates the presence of viral antigens while a negative result is treated as presumptive and does not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection. Individuals with relevant symptoms that test negative using any COVID-19 antigen test may need to be retested using a molecular test based on the recommendation of a healthcare provider. Please see below for additional information.

TIMELINE

SDDOH will make Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Cards available immediately and at no cost to qualifying businesses. SDDOH will make Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Cards available as long as financial resources allow.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Organizations must meet the following requirements to qualify for placement of Abbott BinaxNOW testing supplies:

- Have an existing CLIA Certificate of Waiver or be eligible to obtain a [CLIA Certificate of Waiver](#)
- To Request a CLIA Certificate of Waiver please contact please contact Denise Broadbent at (605)394-6173 or denise.broadbent@state.sd.us.
- Identify an appropriate location within your facility to perform testing
- Train one or more adults to perform antigen testing using the BinaxNOW test
- Obtain and appropriately use personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Perform testing in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- Offer testing at no cost to consenting participants (consent must be obtained before testing)
- Immediately dispose of waste, including soiled PPE, generated by antigen testing in a manner that prevents any further contact with the waste

- Report all antigen test results to the SDDOH within 24 hours of antigen testing using the [confidential disease reporting website](#) or another method approved by the SDDOH
- Maintain supply inventory and order more tests from the SDDOH or manufacturer as needed

Businesses that want to be considered for Abbott BinaxNOW placement must respond to the SDDOH within two weeks of receiving this letter. To request testing kits, please complete the form on following page and submit the completed document to Leanne.Nicholls@state.sd.us.

IF you have questions or need additional information, please contact Leanne.Nicholls@state.sd.us.

Thank you for your partnership to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in South Dakota.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Southern". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Southern, PhD, D(ABMM)
Director, South Dakota Public Health Laboratory



Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Test Card Request Form

Business Name:

Business Physical Address:

Business Point-of Contact (POC) Name:

Business POC Phone Number:

Business After-Hours Phone Number:

Business POC Email Address:

Anticipated tests each week:

Does your business have a CLIA Certificate of Waiver?

Does your business need information about acquiring a CLIA Certificate of Waiver?