



Health Alert Network Message 21-05: Important Information about BinaxNOW Antigen Test Supplies

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IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Test SUPPLIES

The Louisiana Office of Public Health (OPH) has been notified of a potential issue with BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen tests involving the positive control devices included in test kits. We do not, at this time, believe there is an issue with the test cards—only the controls. We are working with Abbott’s Quality Assurance team to investigate the issue.

If you have any issues at any time verifying controls on your BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen test cards, please:

- 1) Notify your CLIA Lab Director,**
- 2) Report it immediately to CovidLab@LA.gov, and**
- 3) Call Abbott Technical Support at 1-800-257-9525, as directed on the package insert <https://ensur.invmed.com/ensur/contentAction.aspx?key=ensur.523747.S2R4E4A3.20200826.257.3955490>**

As a friendly reminder:

- Positive Controls should be run with each new lot number, new shipment and when training new personnel.
- Per the BinaxNOW procedure, you need to use 8 drops of reagent when conducting a positive control (as opposed to 6 drops when running patient samples).