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Message: COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Kits Update

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### **COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test Kits for NS Health Clinic Clients & Healthcare Workers**

COVID-19 rapid antigen tests remain available for clients accessing NS health clinics and for providing healthcare workers access to rapid antigen testing for at-home symptomatic testing.

**Current tests may be ordered until September 26, 2024, at 12pm.** All tests being ordered within NS Health should be ordered through SAP (# 254241). Please note that the test kits currently being distributed are Flowflex 5-pack tests (SAP # 254241). These tests do not have a shelf-life extension and the expiry date printed on these test kits should be used.

A cost centre is required to order these tests. However, all associated costs will be moved out of the ordering cost centre quarterly by finance.

**There will be a pause in ordering tests from September 26 until early October.** We are awaiting a new supply of rapid tests to arrive. We will share updated ordering information in October.

Nova Scotia Health continues to use rapid tests as part of [Report and Support](#), to quickly identify people within 5-7 days of symptoms starting who may benefit from COVID-19 medications to reduce the risk of severe disease and hospitalization.

Information for the public on rapid tests can be found here [COVID-19 Rapid Testing | Nova Scotia Health \(nshealth.ca\)](#)

If you have any questions, please reach out to [communityCOVIDtesting@nshealth.ca](mailto:communityCOVIDtesting@nshealth.ca)

Thank you.