



Yamhill County
Health and Human Services
Public Health

ALERT

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Health Care Providers**

To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health

Date: **1/13/22**

Regarding: *Statewide BinaxNOW Supply Shortage*

Phone number for follow-up: **(503) 434-7483**



State of Oregon
Health Alert Network

Since October 2020, Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has distributed more than 1.3 m Abbott BinaxNOW tests to testing partners serving vulnerable populations statewide. The current Omicron surge has depleted OHA's Abbott BinaxNOW supply and we are pausing the distribution of Abbott BinaxNOW tests to all non-K-12 partners at this time. This pause is temporary and we will resume distribution as additional stock is received. We will continue to distribute tests to K-12 schools as long as supply allows.

Given the extreme demand for testing, we encourage all affected partners to identify other access to testing or prioritize testing of the following populations:

- **Individuals with moderate to severe illness** who require medical care
- **Individuals with symptoms or exposure at high risk for complications** who meet eligibility criteria for [COVID-19 therapeutics](#)

Symptomatic individuals with mild symptoms who do not require medical care may be advised to isolate at home while recovering and not be recommended for testing during supply constraints. They should be instructed to stay home for at least five days and until 24 hours without fever and their symptoms are improving.

Most contacts of cases do not need to be tested.

In general, screening testing, employee testing and pre-travel or event testing is not recommended during times when testing supply is constrained.

The Oregon Health Authority will notify providers by HAN once the Abbott BinaxNOW supply chain has been restored and ordering may be resumed.

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- Professionals within your health, preparedness, and response affiliations.