

## Bulletin #2022-03

### MUNICIPAL RELATIONS

#### Important Notice to All Elected Officials and Chief Administrative Officers

### SUPPLY OF RAPID TEST KITS TO MUNICIPALITIES

The Province of Manitoba thanks all municipalities for participating in the Association of Manitoba Municipalities' Rapid Test Kit Survey. The survey responses have been provided to the Province's COVID-19 Testing Task Force (TTF).

Supply of rapid test kits is currently limited. Sufficient rapid test kits will be made available to municipalities based on the following eligibility criteria:

- Anticipated numbers of symptomatic municipal staff who are responsible for the operation and delivery of critical services, based on the number of staff that municipalities reported are fulfilling these functions.
- Those municipalities that have a vaccine mandate policy in place, that require a regular testing program to allow unvaccinated staff to continue working.

As supplies are limited, municipalities are recommended to limit distribution of rapid test kits to symptomatic staff who are responsible for providing critical services. Municipal staff that are not responsible for providing critical services can continue to access public testing sites, which generally have same day appointments.

#### Test Kit Delivery Plan

- Changes to the information provided in response to the survey may be reported to AMM Senior Policy Analyst Stefanie Vieira at [svieira@amm.mb.ca](mailto:svieira@amm.mb.ca)
- Initial shipments will be two weeks' supply
- Minimum shipment to each municipality will be 10 rapid test kits
- The second shipment is planned to be made two weeks after the first, and is planned to provide a one month supply, subject to the availability of stock
- Subsequent shipments are intended to be provided monthly
- Shipments may include testing products of different manufacturers and quantities
- Shipments will be sent to the contact person and shipping address identified in the survey response provided to AMM
- Shipping delays may occur for various reasons. Municipalities may expect deliveries starting January 24, but the first shipment may take up to January 31 to arrive.
- Questions regarding test kit shipments may be directed to [tffgroup@gov.mb.ca](mailto:tffgroup@gov.mb.ca).

Municipalities are encouraged to view the Manitoba Health website [Province of Manitoba | COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests \(RATs\) \(gov.mb.ca\)](https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/covid-19/rapid-antigen-tests) for further information concerning use of rapid test kits.