



# State of New York County of Broome Government Offices

## Broome County Health Department

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### *Extended Expiration Dates for At-Home Over the Counter COVID-19 Tests*

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has recently extended the expiration dates for some over the counter COVID-19 tests. This means that certain tests can still be used safely even after the expiration date on the box has passed.

If you have any of the following tests, please read the most recent authorization letter from the FDA and visit the manufacturers website for more information on expiration. The letters and websites are linked below.

Expiration extensions are not unusual for medical devices like tests. Manufacturers continue to study the performance and efficacy of tests after they have received authorization and report these findings to the FDA. In these cases, the FDA has agreed that the tests work to detect the COVID-19 virus for longer than the manufacturers originally expected.

Expiration extensions can only be issued by the FDA. You should only use a product after the expiration date on the box if the FDA has issued an extension. If you have tests that have been extended, draw a line through the old expiration date and write in the new one so you know when they are no longer safe to use. It is important to read the instructions and follow all usage and storage procedures specific to your test to ensure accuracy of results and personal safety. For more information on proper use and storage, check here: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/safety-communications/use-and-store-home-covid-19-tests-properly-avoid-potential-harm-fda-safety-communication>

Do not use expired tests. Dispose of the materials in regular garbage or recycling as appropriate. It is a good idea to open an expired test kit before disposal or clearly mark on the container that the contents are expired.

Broome County residents should report positive test results to our self-service case investigation system at [www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/hd/coronavirus). You will be issued individualized isolation and release orders for your records. You can also use this system to receive advice on things like masking and quarantining after close contact with a case.

Tests with current expirations extensions:

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iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test

Letter: <https://www.fda.gov/media/157340/download>

Website: <https://ihealthlabs.com/pages/news#expiration>

CareStart COVID-19 Antigen Home Test

Letter: <https://www.fda.gov/media/158410/download>

Website: <https://accessbio.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/FDA-Extension-May-2022.pdf>

BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Home Test and BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Self Test

Letter: <https://www.fda.gov/media/155326/download>

Manufacturer website: [https://content.veeabb.com/1d09429b-8373-419f-8f1a-d28f9586863a/678e2269-44b7-4c6d-8fa9-0a55a40f30f7/678e2269-44b7-4c6d-8fa9-0a55a40f30f7\\_source\\_v.pdf](https://content.veeabb.com/1d09429b-8373-419f-8f1a-d28f9586863a/678e2269-44b7-4c6d-8fa9-0a55a40f30f7/678e2269-44b7-4c6d-8fa9-0a55a40f30f7_source_v.pdf)

Flowflex COVID-19 Antigen Home Test

Letter: <https://www.fda.gov/media/157878/download>

Website: <https://flowflexcovid.com/flowflex-covid-19-antigen-home-test-new-shelf-life-extension/>

SCoV-2 Ag *Detect* Rapid Self-Test

Letter: <https://www.fda.gov/media/156889/download>

Website: <https://inbios.com/scov-2-ag-detect-self-test/>

Please note that this information is current as of May 25, 2022. For additional EUA revisions and expiration extensions for over the counter antigen tests, please check the FDA website here:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/in-vitro-diagnostics-euas-antigen-diagnostic-tests-sars-cov-2>

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