



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

Fax number: (503) 472-9731

Date: **8/17/21**

Regarding: *Abbott BinaxNOW POC tests available free of cost to Oregon primary, urgent and emergency care providers*

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

County healthcare providers,

Please see the message below from OHA's Health Alert Network:

COVID-19 cases are rising rapidly in Oregon as a result of the Delta variant. Last week, percent positivity was 11.2% statewide and testing is currently insufficient to slow the spread of COVID-19. We remind all clinicians that anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, however mild, should be tested regardless of vaccination status. Please also note that the CDC has updated their recommendations to include testing for all individuals with an exposure to COVID-19 within the last 14 days, regardless of vaccination status.

Abbott BinaxNOW rapid point-of-care tests are still available to any primary, urgent or emergency care provider in Oregon for **free**. If you are interested in obtaining these tests, please contact ORES8.AOCTestingBranch@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Please note that this testing must occur under a CLIA certificate of waiver and that providers must accept Medicare and Medicaid patients. **These tests are available to support the testing of patients with symptoms or recent exposure to COVID-19 and may not be used for screening of unvaccinated individuals.** We remind all clinicians to familiarize themselves with the accuracy of COVID-19 testing. The sensitivity of COVID-19 testing is limited and negative results do not exclude infection. Positive results are considered cases of COVID-19 and further testing is not required.