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INFORMATION RELEASE

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CBJ is distributing CareStart COVID-19 self-tests. They expire June 30, according to the FDA.

The City and Borough of Juneau began distributing the CareStart COVID-19 Antigen Home Test to the general public [last week](#). All 26,000 test kits that CBJ received have a printed expiration date on the box of March 2022. **In fact, the CareStart test kits that CBJ received all expire on June 30, 2022.** This is based on approval from the Food and Drug Administration to extend the test's shelf life expiration date from 6 to 9 months.

The CareStart COVID-19 Antigen Home Test is made by Access Bio. The [FDA's approval](#) to extend the shelf life to 9 months when stored at 34–86°F is based on the results of Access Bio's ongoing stability studies. Access Bio submitted real-time stability data on December 1, 2021, and the FDA granted nine months of shelf-life for the test as of January 20, 2022.

To reiterate: Despite the printed shelf life on the CareStart COVID-19 Antigen Home Test being March 2022, FDA says the test will [actually last until June 30, 2022](#).

These rapid antigen tests can be self-administered at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and return results in 10-15 minutes. CBJ is distributing two free text kit boxes per family from the following locations:

- **City Hall Cash Office**
- **All Juneau Public Libraries** (Downtown, Mendenhall Valley, and Douglas)
- **Juneau Public Health Center**, 3412 Glacier Highway (across the street from Twin Lakes parking lot)
- **Juneau Police Department**, 6255 Alaway Avenue

Do not go into any of these facilities if you're feeling sick, or if you've been identified as a close contact and should be [quarantining](#). (If you're feeling sick, schedule an appointment at CBJ's drive-thru testing facility [online](#) or call 907-586-6000.)

[Here's an instructional video](#) on how to use the CareStart COVID-19 Antigen Home Test, or see the printed instructions that are inside each box.

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For more information, contact COVIDquestions@juneau.org.