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INFORMATION RELEASE

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CBJ is distributing CareStart COVID-19 self-tests. They expire June 30.

The City and Borough of Juneau is distributing COVID-19 antigen home tests to the general public from these 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

The tests at these locations are CareStart COVID-19 Antigen Home Tests, which have a printed expiration date on the box of March 2022. **In fact, the CareStart test kits that CBJ is distributing 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 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](#).

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