

Memo

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To: North Dakota Clinical Laboratories
From: Christie Massen (clmassen@nd.gov)
Director, Division of Microbiology
Date: 5/20/2020
Re: Abbott ID Now Update

On May 14, 2020, Abbott updated information about the ID Now analyzers.

Click [here](#) for the full details and for the Abbott ID Now Technical Brief see http://ndhealth.gov/microlab/docs/ID_NOW_COVD19_TechnicalBriefMay2020.pdf.

Document states: 'Further clarifying our product information to provide better guidance to healthcare providers that negative results should be considered in the context of a patient's recent exposures, history and the presence of clinical signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Negative results should be presumed negative, but if inconsistent with clinical signs and symptoms or necessary for patient management, should be tested with an alternative molecular assay. We are also reinforcing proper sample collection and handling instructions. We are communicating this to our customers.'

In addition, please continue to report all positive and negative cases to the Division of Disease Control.

To order ID Now reagents, please visit the website at <http://www.ndhealth.gov/microlab/>

If you have any questions, please contact our facility for the recommended guidance.

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