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To: Wisconsin Residents

From: Ryan Westergaard, MD, PhD, MPH Chief Medical Officer and State Communicable Disease Epidemiologist Bureau of Communicable Diseases

Standing Order for Distribution of COVID-19 At-Home Antigen Test Kits

This standing prescription order is issued by Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist for the Department of Health Services of the State of Wisconsin.

In order to reduce morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 by SARS-CoV-2, and to mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2, this order serves as a prescription for all residents of the State of Wisconsin to obtain Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-authorized COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits. It further authorizes pharmacists to dispense such tests to Wisconsin residents to the extent a prescription is required, including for insurance coverage. Prior to dispensing a COVID-19 rapid antigen test kit, the pharmacist shall direct the patient to review the manufacturer's instructions for use and/or procedures specified in the FDA authorization.

This order is not intended to be used by organizations that employ or contract health care professionals who are authorized to write prescriptions and have individual NPI numbers. Organizations should rather utilize the medical professionals affiliated with their agency to write prescriptions for COVID-19 At-Home Antigen Test Kits.

Self-testing is one of several risk-reduction strategies that can reduce the chances of COVID-19 transmission. Ensuring Wisconsin residents have convenient and affordable access to at-home tests is one of several measures, along with vaccination, masking, and physical distancing, that will limit the impact of COVID-19 on our state.

This Order is effective as of the date below and shall remain effective until withdrawn by Dr. Westergaard, Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake, or either's designee. Dr. Westergaard retains the right to modify or supplement this order as needed.

Handwritten signature of Ryan Westergaard in black ink.

1-26-2022

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