

**STANDING ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER  
TEST KIT FOR THE DETECTION OF SARS-CoV-2**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued emergency use authorization (EUA) or approval for certain test kits that detect SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), including over the counter home test kits.

**I. PURPOSE**

Effective January 15, 2022, this Standing Order is intended to ensure patients have access to test kits when COVID-19 is suspected, helping decrease the number of patients who experience severe disease and helping reduce spread of the disease to others.

**II. AUTHORIZATION**

This Standing Order may be used as a prescription to obtain over the counter SARS-CoV-2 test kits that have received EUA or approval from the FDA.

**III. ORDER TO DISPENSE**

Over the counter home SARS-CoV-2 test kits that have received EUA or approval from the FDA.

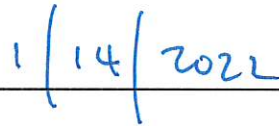
**IV. EXPIRATION AND REVIEW**

This Standing Order will remain in effect until the State Health Officer deems it no longer necessary.

This Standing Order will be reviewed, and may be updated, if there is relevant new science about SARS-CoV-2 testing, and will be posted at [www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19](http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19).



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