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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATORS**

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FROM: James Potope, Acting National Health Systems  
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SUBJECT: Abbott ID Now Influenza Tests

As the Health Services Division continues preparation for the Influenza season, the Abbott ID Now Influenza tests are available for purchase and have been CLIA waived for use at institutions with a current, valid CLIA certificate. The Health Services Division is currently working on a large procurement of the Abbott ID Now Influenza tests for distribution to all institutions nationwide. Given this large impending procurement, institutions should not purchase the Abbott ID Now Influenza tests locally.

If additional Abbott ID Now machines are needed for processing COVID 19 or Influenza tests, please notify the Health Services Division by sending a request to [BOP-HSD/AIMS@bop.gov](mailto:BOP-HSD/AIMS@bop.gov). The Health Services Division continues to work with the Health and Human Services Department to obtain additional Abbott ID Now machines on an ad hoc basis.

Training for the Abbott ID Now Influenza test processing will be coordinated through LCDR David Hamilton, National Laboratory Administrator, HSD. Institutions will have to complete this required training prior to utilizing the Abbott ID Now Influenza testing on inmates. LCDR Hamilton can be reached at

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