**LFD COVID-19 Test Kit ordering for Prisons, Approved Premises, YOI and YCS in England and Wales October 2022**

As part of the transition to business as usual, it is important to embed ordering processes for LFD COVID-19 test kits that are aligned to current systems.

As set out in the living with COVID-19 strategy, the government objective is to manage COVID-19 in line with other respiratory illnesses, whilst protecting and treating those who are most vulnerable from more serious outcomes.

It is important that prisons continue to maintain a stock of test kits to deliver symptomatic testing and respond swiftly to rising cases and outbreaks. It is helpful for all staff working in Prisons / YOIs to have a small number of test kits at home so they can easily test if they become symptomatic.

From 7th November 2022, COVID-19 test kits will be available to order on iProc and will be delivered as part of scheduled deliveries from Branston. The HMPPSTesting@justice.gov.uk functional mailbox will no longer be available for orders after this date. To prepare for this change, sites must set the minimum and maximum stock levels on local systems.

These have been provided for you and are shown in the attached spreadsheet. They have been calculated based on the minimum number of tests required to be able to respond to an outbreak. The maximum number has been calculated to align with our allocation of test kits from UK Health Security Agency.

Approved Premises and Privately managed prisons will be able to use existing processes, using the Branston functional mailbox NDCBranstonSpecialistEquipment@justice.gov.uk to order test kits.

Actions

* Prisons / YOIs must update their local systems to set the minimum and maximum levels before the 7th November.
* Prisons / YOIs must also assure themselves that they have sufficient stock, which is in date to provide staff with test kits for symptomatic testing and respond to a minimum of one round of outbreak testing.
* Prisons / YOIs must offer all staff working on site one box of self-collect test kits to take home for symptomatic testing by staff only.

Any out-of-date test kits must not be used and should be disposed of recycling as much of the packaging as possible.

If you have any questions or would like any support, please contact health@justice.gov.uk

