



DIRECTIVE

Date: 21st of March 2022

To: All Pharmaceuticals and Retail Outlets

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY HALT ON THE SALES OF ALL COVID 19 SELF TESTING ANTIGEN TEST KITS IN THE COUNTRY

This is to inform you all that due to the increasing unmonitored supply and excessive sales of over the counter unvalidated test kits, all COVID 19 self-testing kits is now put on temporary halt until further directive from my office.

During this time of halt, the following will be assessed by the National Control Centre to ensure Compliance and Quality Control checks are in order before a decision to uplift the halt is considered.

- 1) Ensuring the COVID 19 Self-Test kits are WHO prequalified and or the test kits have passed the minimum requirement for in country validation
- 2) Accredited to the National Control Centre and captured under the Pandemic Testing Measures Schedule listing
- 3) Undertaken training/ induction of the NCC Testing Standard Operating Procedures including reporting pathways.

Any Pharmacies and or Retails selling COVID 19 Self testing kits after this Directive will be penalised under the Pandemic Act.

For more information do not hesitate to contact the COVID 19 National Control Centre on Phone: 3019375

Thank you for cooperating,



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Controller

PNG COVID 19 Pandemic Response