Abbott Announces Fulfillment Of Federal Government Purchase Of 150 Million BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Rapid Tests And Is Now Ready To Support Commercial Distribution

- Abbott will complete the U.S. government order for 150 million BinaxNOW COVID-19 tests this week and will supply 30 million additional tests through March via a new government order

- Company is in final stages of completing its self-funded capacity expansion across U.S. manufacturing sites

- Abbott has the most advanced and comprehensive COVID-19 rapid test portfolio available today, including ID NOW, BinaxNOW, the BinaxNOW at-home test and the NAVICA app

- Workplaces, universities, schools and other qualified organizations that need frequent and affordable testing can now directly procure BinaxNOW tests from Abbott

ABBOTT PARK, Ill., Jan. 12, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Abbott (NYSE: ABT) is announcing today the fulfillment of the federal government's order of 150 million BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag tests. These rapid tests were distributed through the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to states, territories and targeted entities, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, home health and hospice agencies, historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), and the Indian Health Service.

Abbott is also in the final stages of completing its self-funded investment in U.S. manufacturing capacity and is now ready to make tens of millions of BinaxNOW tests available per month for direct purchase to organizations including schools, workplaces and pharmacies.

"We've intentionally developed the most comprehensive COVID testing portfolio and the most advanced family of rapid tests to have the greatest impact we can," said Robert B. Ford, president and chief executive officer, Abbott. "We're pleased to take this next step in making BinaxNOW and NAVICA available to support the opening of organizations, and get them to more places where people need them, such as schools and universities, workplaces and pharmacies."

The University of Wisconsin System will be the first customer in the U.S. to secure BinaxNOW at scale, procuring 480,000 tests over six months for use at its universities and branch campuses.

"The University of Wisconsin System strives to be a national leader in combating COVID-19 and our robust testing strategy is one of our most effective means to do it," said Tommy Thompson, president, University of Wisconsin System. "We will continue to be aggressive in acquiring and implementing tests at our universities and our partnership with Abbott is key to making this happen."

At the size of a credit card and with no equipment required, Abbott's BinaxNOW COVID-19 test – sold directly to qualified organizations for $5 per test – is already the country's most widely available and mass-produced rapid test, providing results in 15 minutes and detecting the virus when people are most infectious and therefore at the greatest risk of spreading it to others. An at-home, virtually and digitally guided version of the test is also available at $25 per test.

Abbott will continue supplying HHS with a total of 30 million tests between now and March 2021. A breakdown of the initial 150 million tests shipped to states, territories and targeted entities via HHS orders can be found here.

BinaxNOW and NAVICA work together to help organizations perform testing at scale
The BinaxNOW test can be paired with the no-charge NAVICA™ app, which was developed by Abbott to allow people who test negative to display that result through a temporary digital health certificate. People who test negative on BinaxNOW can receive a QR code (similar to a mobile boarding pass used to board an airplane) and organizations can scan and verify the information to manage entry into facilities that accept NAVICA.

"Since October 2020, Abbott has been providing testing for U.S. employees using BinaxNOW and the NAVICA platform. Through the thousands of employees who have been tested, Abbott has gained important insights on managing workflow and how to use NAVICA to allow people to store, access and display their test results," said Mary Moreland, executive vice president, human resources, Abbott. "Our experience shows that large organizations can effectively manage a high-throughput, rapid testing program across multiple sites and in different occupational settings."

Since the pandemic began, Abbott has developed the most advanced and comprehensive portfolio of COVID-19 tests across its testing platforms—from high-throughput molecular tests on its m2000™ RealTi*m*e and Alinity™ m lab-based systems; to serology tests on its Alinity i™ and ARCHITECT® i1000SR and i2000SR instruments; to rapid molecular tests on the ID NOW™ instrument; to rapid antigen test options on BinaxNOW (available in U.S.) and the Panbio™ COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test Device (available in countries outside the U.S.).

The company will continue to study the role of testing as more becomes known about the long term efficacy of vaccines and how testing can be deployed to track outbreaks and more confidently return to group settings.

About the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Rapid Test
The BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card is an assay for the qualitative detection of specific antigens to COVID-19 in the human nasal cavity. A simple nasal swab is used to collect specimens from people suspected of having an active infection.

Under FDA EUA, the BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card is for use by healthcare professionals and can be used in point-of-care settings that are qualified to have the test performed and are operating under a CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments) Certificate of Waiver, Certificate of Compliance or Certificate of Accreditation. Within these settings, the test can be performed by doctors, nurses, school nurses, medical assistants and technicians, pharmacists, employer occupational health specialists and more with minimal training and a patient prescription.

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The BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag Test Card EUA has not been FDA cleared or approved. It has been authorized by the FDA under an emergency use authorization for use by authorized laboratories and patient care settings. The test has been authorized only for the detection of proteins from SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens, and is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostic tests for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.

Abbott fulfillment of federal government order of 150 million BinaxNOW™ COVID-19 Ag tests by State and quantities

State	Total
AK	469,840
AL	2,326,680
AR	1,444,480
AZ	2,558,320
CA	13,735,240
CO	3,342,920
CT	1,356,600
DE	337,800
FL	8,485,200
GA	4,184,880
HI	446,600
IA	2,251,000
ID	784,800
IL	5,743,840
IN	3,603,760
KS	1,836,600
KY	2,373,960
LA	2,127,800
MA	1,768,080
MD	2,100,040
ME	478,920
MI	4,112,400
MN	3,687,600

MO	3,529,400
MS	1,389,840
MT	519,920
NC	4,484,040
ND	2,873,400
NE	1,241,280
NH	505,720
NJ	3,553,280
NM	727,680
NV	751,680
NY	6,377,240
OH	5,885,480
OK	1,645,440
OR	1,576,240
PA	5,004,440
RI	1,501,600
SC	2,259,160
SD	614,080
TN	3,091,280
TX	11,828,060
UT	2,600,580
VA	3,237,400
VT	151,500
WA	3,014,640
WI	3,455,160
WV	738,900
WY	238,800
Total	**142,353,600**

Territory	**Total**
DC	317,240
GU	50,640
MP	13,440
PR	912,320
VI	50,000
Total	**1,343,640**

Federal & Other Entities (Indian Health Service, National Strategic Stockpile, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living, Home Health & Hospice, HBCUs)	**Total**
Total	**6,530,200**

State, Territory, Federal/Other	**Total**
State	142,353,600
Territory	1,343,640
Federal/Other	6,530,200
Grand Total	**150,227,440**

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