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To : Manufacturers, Distributors and Local Technical Representatives

**RE: RESTRICTION ON USE OF RAPID DIAGNOSTIC TEST KITS (RDTs)
FOR COVID-19**

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board ("the Board") informs you that the Ministry of Health has restricted the use of Rapid Diagnostic test kits in diagnosing COVID-19.

Therefore, in compliance with the said policy directive, the Board, from the date of this notice, **shall not** receive any further applications concerning the said test kits. This includes Point of Care Rapid Diagnostic tests for Antibody testing for IgM, IgG or both IgM & IgG for Immunoglobulin assay testing.

For the avoidance of doubt, the recommended confirmatory test for COVID-19 in Kenya remains the real time Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (rRT-PCR) tests.

Should you have any queries or clarification(s) do not hesitate to contact the Board via medicaldevices@pharmacyboardkenya.org.

Thanking you for your continued cooperation.


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