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Texas Division of Emergency Management
Chamber of Commerce Rapid Testing Project
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In an effort to help support the continued operation of small businesses throughout the state of Texas, Governor Abbott has invited Chambers of Commerce to participate in a program which will provide BinaxNow rapid COVID-19 tests to small businesses in their communities. Small Businesses will be required to be trained on proper testing protocols, to include test administration and reporting of results as required by law.

As a part of this program, interested Chambers of Commerce will be provided with delivery of an allocation of the Abbott BinaxNow test kits, facemasks, product training, and support to refill supplies as available. These rapid test kits are for the exclusive use and control of the Chamber of Commerce and its businesses upon receipt. **This program's key mandate is the required state and federal reporting when the actual test kit is used.**

Participating Chambers of Commerce will need to follow the guidance on the Test Coordinator Responsibilities document including registering each business which will receive the BinaxNow test kits.

In materials provide at [Chamber Testing – TDEM \(texas.gov\)](https://www.tdem.texas.gov/chamber-testing), you will have access to the FAQ's, certified training, required legal reporting processes, and logistical re-supply procedures.

Keep in mind there are limited supplies and the potential for interruption of the supply through the national distribution chain. We will strive to keep the Testing Coordinators apprised of supply interruptions or changes as this program moves forward.

Feel free to reach out to Randy Vivian, IOM, Deputy Section Chief, Business Outreach for the Texas Division of Emergency Management for guidance and operational support. He can be reached at (512) 803-7905 or chambertesting@tdem.texas.gov.