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Device: QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test  
EUA Number: EUA210269  
Company: Quidel Corporation  
Indication: Qualitative detection of nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV-2 from individuals with or without symptoms or other epidemiological reasons to suspect COVID-19 when tested twice over two or three days with at least 24 hours and no more than 36 hours between tests. This test is authorized for non-prescription home use with self-collected (unobserved) direct anterior nasal (NS) swab specimens from individuals aged 14 years and older or with adult-collected anterior NS samples from individuals aged 2 years or older.

Dear Mr. Lollar:

This letter is in response to your<sup>1</sup> request that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issue an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for emergency use of your product,<sup>2</sup> pursuant to Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) (21 U.S.C. §360bbb-3).

On February 4, 2020, pursuant to Section 564(b)(1)(C) of the Act, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) determined that there is a public health emergency that has a significant potential to affect national security or the health and security of United States citizens living abroad, and that involves the virus that causes COVID-19. Pursuant to Section 564 of the Act, and on the basis of such determination, the Secretary of HHS then declared that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19 subject to the terms of any authorization issued under Section 564(a) of the Act.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For ease of reference, this letter will use the term “you” and related terms to refer to Quidel Corporation.

<sup>2</sup> For ease of reference, this letter will use the term “your product” to refer to the QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test used for the indication identified above.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Determination of a Public Health Emergency and Declaration that Circumstances Exist Justifying Authorizations Pursuant to Section 564(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3. 85 FR 7316 (February 7, 2020).

FDA considered the totality of scientific information available in authorizing the emergency use of your product for the indication above. A summary of the performance information FDA relied upon is included in the “QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test Kit Healthcare Provider Instructions for Use” (identified below).

Having concluded that the criteria for issuance of this authorization under Section 564(c) of the Act are met, I am authorizing the emergency use of your product, described in the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II), subject to the terms of this authorization.

### **I. Criteria for Issuance of Authorization**

I have concluded that the emergency use of your product meets the criteria for issuance of an authorization under Section 564(c) of the Act, because I have concluded that:

1. The SARS-CoV-2 can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition, including severe respiratory illness, to humans infected by this virus;
2. Based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, it is reasonable to believe that your product may be effective in diagnosing COVID-19, and that the known and potential benefits of your product when used for diagnosing COVID-19, outweigh the known and potential risks of your product; and
3. There is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the emergency use of your product.<sup>4</sup>

### **II. Scope of Authorization**

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(1) of the Act, that the scope of this authorization is limited to the indication above.

### **Authorized Product Details**

Your product is a lateral flow immunoassay intended for the qualitative detection of nucleocapsid protein antigen from SARS-CoV-2 from individuals with or without symptoms or other epidemiological reasons to suspect COVID-19 when tested twice over two or three days with at least 24 hours and no more than 36 hours between tests. This test is authorized for non-prescription home use with self-collected (unobserved) direct anterior nasal (NS) swab specimens from individuals aged 14 years and older or with adult-collected anterior NS samples from individuals aged 2 years or older. The QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test does not differentiate between SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2.

The SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid protein antigen is generally detectable in anterior nasal swab specimens during the acute phase of infection. Positive results indicate the presence of viral antigens, but clinical correlation with past medical history and other diagnostic information is

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<sup>4</sup> No other criteria of issuance have been prescribed by regulation under Section 564(c)(4) of the Act.

necessary to determine infection status. Positive results do not rule out bacterial infection or co-infection with other viruses and the agent detected may not be the definite cause of disease. Individuals who test positive with the QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test should self-isolate and seek follow-up care with their physician or healthcare provider as additional testing may be necessary.

Negative results should be treated as presumptive, do not rule out SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for treatment or patient management decisions, including infection control decisions. Negative results should be considered in the context of an individual's recent exposures, history and the presence of clinical signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19, and confirmed with a molecular assay, if necessary, for patient management. For serial testing programs, additional confirmatory testing with a molecular test for negative results may be necessary, if there is a high likelihood of COVID-19, such as in an individual with a close contact with COVID-19 or with suspected exposure to COVID-19 or in communities with high prevalence of infection. Additional confirmatory testing with a molecular test for positive results may also be necessary, if there is a low likelihood of COVID-19, such as in individuals without known exposures to COVID-19 or residing in communities with low prevalence of infection.

Individuals who test negative and continue to experience COVID-19 like symptoms of fever, cough and/or shortness of breath may still have SARS-CoV-2 infection and should seek follow up care with their physician or healthcare provider.

Individuals should provide all test results obtained with this product to their healthcare provider for public health reporting. All healthcare providers will report all test results they receive from individuals who use the authorized product to relevant public health authorities in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements using appropriate LOINC and SNOMED codes, as defined by the Laboratory In Vitro Diagnostics (LIVD) Test Code Mapping for SARS-CoV-2 Tests provided by CDC.

Your product is performed by either the individual, aged 14 years and older that self-collects their anterior NS specimen or by an adult using adult-collected anterior NS samples from individuals aged 2 years or older, who upon opening the test kit performs the test as outlined in the instruction sheet included in the kit. The individual must first remove the cap from the pre-filled tube before removing the anterior nares swab from its wrapper. An anterior nasal swab specimen is then self-collected or adult-collected and then immediately placed into the open pre-filled tube. After stirring or twirling, the swab is left in the tube for at least one minute before being removed, according to the instructions, and then the Test Strip is inserted into the pre-filled tube. After 10 minutes the Test Strip is removed and test results are interpreted visually based on the presence or absence of visually detectable pink/purple colored lines.

The QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test includes the following materials or other authorized materials (as may be requested under Condition L. below): Swabs, Test Strips, Pre-filled Tubes, Tube Holder, instruction sheet and Fact Sheet for Individuals.

Your product includes an internal control test line that must generate the expected result for a test to be considered valid, as outlined in the "QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test Kit

Healthcare Provider Instructions for Use” and the “QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test User Instructions.”

The labeling entitled “QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test Kit Healthcare Provider Instructions for Use” and the “QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test User Instructions” (available at <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-emergency-use-authorizations-medical-devices/vitro-diagnostics-euas>), the “QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test” box label, and the following fact sheets pertaining to the emergency use, is required to be made available as set forth in the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV), and are collectively referred to as “authorized labeling”:

- Fact Sheet for Healthcare Professionals: Quidel Corporation - QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test
- Fact Sheet for Individuals: Quidel Corporation - QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test

The above described product, when accompanied by the authorized labeling as set forth in the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV) is authorized to be distributed and used under this EUA, despite the fact that it does not meet certain requirements otherwise required by applicable federal law.

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(2) of the Act, that it is reasonable to believe that the known and potential benefits of your product, when used consistent with the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II), outweigh the known and potential risks of your product.

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(3) of the Act, based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, that it is reasonable to believe that your product may be effective in diagnosing COVID-19, when used consistent with the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II), pursuant to Section 564(c)(2)(A) of the Act.

FDA has reviewed the scientific information available to FDA, including the information supporting the conclusions described in Section I above, and concludes that your product (as described in the Scope of Authorization of this letter (Section II)) meets the criteria set forth in Section 564(c) of the Act concerning safety and potential effectiveness.

The emergency use of your product under this EUA must be consistent with, and may not exceed, the terms of this letter, including the Scope of Authorization (Section II) and the Conditions of Authorization (Section IV). Subject to the terms of this EUA and under the circumstances set forth in the Secretary of HHS’s determination under Section 564(b)(1)(C) of the Act described above and the Secretary of HHS’s corresponding declaration under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, your product is authorized for the indication above.

### **III. Waiver of Certain Requirements**

I am waiving the following requirements for your product during the duration of this EUA:

- Current good manufacturing practice requirements, including the quality system requirements under 21 CFR Part 820 with respect to the design, manufacture, packaging, labeling, storage, and distribution of your product, but excluding Subpart H (Acceptance Activities, 21 CFR 820.80 and 21 CFR 820.86), Subpart I (Nonconforming Product, 21 CFR 820.90), and Subpart O (Statistical Techniques, 21 CFR 820.250).

#### **IV. Conditions of Authorization**

Pursuant to Section 564(e) of the Act, I am establishing the following conditions on this authorization:

#### **Quidel Corporation (You) and Authorized Distributor(s)<sup>5</sup>**

- A. Your product must comply with the following labeling requirements: the intended use statement in 21 CFR 809.10(a)(2), (b)(2); adequate directions for use in 21 U.S.C. 352(f) and 21 CFR 809.10(b)(5), (7), and (8); appropriate limitations on the use of the device including information required under 21 CFR 809.10(a)(4); and any available information regarding performance of the device, including requirements under 21 CFR 809.10(b)(12).
- B. You and authorized distributor(s) must make available the “QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test User Instructions” and the “Fact Sheet for Individuals” for your product in the shipped kit.
- C. You and authorized distributor(s) must maintain records of customer complaint files and report to FDA any significant complaints about usability or deviations from the established performance characteristics of which you and authorized distributor(s) become aware.
- D. You and authorized distributor(s) must inform relevant public health authorities of this EUA, including the terms and conditions herein, and any updates made to your product and/or the authorized labeling.
- E. Through a process of inventory control, you and authorized distributor(s) must maintain records of the locations (e.g., pharmacies, doctor’s offices, etc.) to which your product is distributed and the number of tests distributed.
- F. You and authorized distributor(s) must collect information on the performance of your product and have a process in place to track adverse events, including any occurrence of false positive or false negative results and significant deviations from the established performance characteristics of the product of which you become aware and report any such events to FDA in accordance with 21 CFR Part 803. Serious adverse events, especially unexpected biosafety concerns, should immediately be reported to

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<sup>5</sup> “Authorized Distributor(s)” are identified by you, Quidel Corporation, in your EUA submission as an entity allowed to distribute the QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test.

DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH (via email: [CDRH-EUAREporting@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:CDRH-EUAREporting@fda.hhs.gov)).

- G. You and authorized distributor(s) are authorized to make available additional information relating to the emergency use of your product that is consistent with, and does not exceed, the terms of this letter of authorization.
- H. You and authorized distributor(s) using your product must ensure that any records associated with this EUA are maintained until otherwise notified by FDA. Such records will be made available to FDA for inspection upon request.

**Quidel Corporation (You)**

- I. You must notify FDA of any authorized distributor(s) of your product, including the name, address, and phone number of any authorized distributor(s).
- J. You must provide authorized distributor(s) with a copy of this EUA and communicate to authorized distributor(s) any subsequent revisions that might be made to this EUA and its authorized accompanying materials, including the authorized labeling.
- K. You must make the authorized “QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test Kit Healthcare Provider Instructions for Use” and the Fact Sheet for Healthcare Professionals electronically available on your website. Additionally, you must provide the opportunity to request a copy of the QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test Kit Healthcare Provider Instructions for Use and Fact Sheet for Healthcare Professionals in paper form, and after such request, promptly provide the requested labeling at no additional cost.
- L. You may request changes to this EUA for your product, including to the Scope of Authorization (Section II in this letter) or to the authorized labeling, including requests to make available additional authorized labeling specific to an authorized distributor. Such additional labeling may use another name for the product but otherwise must be consistent with the authorized labeling, and shall not exceed the terms of authorization of this letter. Any request for changes to this EUA should be submitted to the Division of Microbiology (DMD)/Office of Health Technology 7 (OHT7)-Office of In Vitro Diagnostics and Radiological Health (OIR)/Office of Product Evaluation and Quality (OPEQ)/Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) and require appropriate authorization from FDA prior to implementation.
- M. You must comply with the following requirements pursuant to FDA regulations: Subpart H (Acceptance Activities, 21 CFR 820.80 and 21 CFR 820.86), Subpart I (Nonconforming Product, 21 CFR 820.90), and Subpart O (Statistical Techniques, 21 CFR 820.250).
- N. You must have lot release procedures and the lot release procedures, including the study design and statistical power, must ensure that the product released for distribution meet the clinical and analytical performance claimed in the authorized labeling.

- O. If requested by FDA, you must submit your lot release procedures to FDA, including sampling protocols, testing protocols, and acceptance criteria, that you use to release lots of your product for distribution in the U.S. If such lot release procedures are requested by FDA, you must provide them within 48 hours of the request.
- P. You must evaluate the analytical limit of detection and assess traceability<sup>6</sup> of your product with any FDA-recommended reference material(s). After submission to and concurrence with the data by FDA, you will update your labeling to reflect the additional testing. Such labeling updates will be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH.
- Q. You must evaluate the clinical performance of your product to support the serial screening claim in an FDA agreed upon post authorization clinical evaluation study within 6 months of the date of this letter (unless otherwise agreed to with DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH). After submission to and concurrence with the data by FDA, you must update the authorized labeling to reflect the additional testing. Such labeling updates will be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH.
- R. You must complete the agreed upon real-time stability study for your product and notify DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH of the testing results. After submission of the study data, and review and concurrence with the data by FDA, you must update your product labeling to reflect the additional testing if requested by FDA. Such labeling updates must be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH.
- S. You must develop a mobile phone application or website to further facilitate results reporting by the individual using your product, and submit to FDA such application or website within 4 months of the date of this letter (unless otherwise agreed to with DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH). After submission of the mobile phone application or website to, and review of and concurrence with the developed mobile phone application or website by FDA, you must update the authorized labeling. Such labeling updates will be made in consultation with, and require concurrence of, FDA.
- T. You must evaluate software validation for your future mobile application or website, including cybersecurity, in an FDA agreed upon post authorization study within 4 months of the date of this letter (unless otherwise agreed to with DMD/OHT7-OIR/OPEQ/CDRH). After submission to and concurrence with the information by FDA, you will update the authorized labeling to reflect use of the App with your product (as outlined in Condition L.) prior to implementation.
- U. You must submit to FDA a summary report within 90 calendar days of authorization summarizing the results of any testing performed using your product during that timeframe, including how many products were distributed, the positivity rate for specimens tested with your product, and how many individuals reported results to their

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<sup>6</sup> Traceability refers to tracing analytical sensitivity/reactivity back to an FDA-recommended reference material.

healthcare provider as encouraged by the “QuickVue At-Home OTC COVID-19 Test User Instructions,” along with any proposed corrective action, as necessary.

**Conditions Related to Printed Materials, Advertising and Promotion**

- V. All descriptive printed matter, advertising, and promotional materials relating to the use of your product shall be consistent with the authorized labeling, as well as the terms set forth in this EUA and meet the requirements set forth in section 502(a), (q)(1), and (r) of the Act and FDA implementing regulations.
  
- W. No descriptive printed matter, advertising, or promotional materials relating to the use of your product may represent or suggest that this test is safe or effective for the detection of SARS-CoV-2.
  
- X. All descriptive printed matter, advertising, and promotional materials relating to the use of your product shall clearly and conspicuously state that:
  - This product has not been FDA cleared or approved; but has been authorized by FDA under an EUA;
  - This product has been authorized only for the detection of proteins from SARS-CoV-2, not for any other viruses or pathogens; and,
  - This product is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 under Section 564(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the declaration is terminated or authorization is revoked sooner.

The emergency use of your product as described in this letter of authorization must comply with the conditions and all other terms of this authorization.

**V. Duration of Authorization**

This EUA will be effective until the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of in vitro diagnostics for detection and/or diagnosis of COVID-19 is terminated under Section 564(b)(2) of the Act or the EUA is revoked under Section 564(g) of the Act.

Sincerely,

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RADM Denise M. Hinton  
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Enclosure