



**NEXT GMM  
TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>  
@ 3:00 PM**

## **ORDER YOUR COVID – 19 TEST KITS NOW!**

As of September 25, 2023, residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 at-home rapid antigen COVID-19 test kits free of charge through the USPS, just simply go to <https://special.usps.com/testkits>. There is a limit of one order per household, and the orders will begin to be shipped starting the week of October 2, 2023. To find out more details about at-home tests including extended shelf life and updated expiration dates, you can go to [COVID.gov/Tests](https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list). It is also worth noting that the test kits may show “expired” dates on the boxes, however the FDA has extended those expiration dates. To find out more details on COVID-19 test kit extended expiration dates go to <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list>. In my opinion, the higher demand for these at-home test kits, the

## **SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD EXTENDED FOR PSES ELIGIBLE FOR DENTAL AND VISION BENEFITS**

Recently the APWU received notification at the headquarters level from the Postal Service that the Office of personnel Management (OPM) has expanded the eligibility for enrollment in the Federal Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP). PSEs are now eligible to enroll in benefits program. FEDVIP premiums are paid by the employee with no agency contributions, and PSEs participating in the program will pay premiums post tax. This FEDVIP enrollment period is now open and **extended through October 10, 2023**. After October 10, 2023, employees will only be able to enroll during the annual open season period or within 60 days of a qualifying life event. To enroll, go to <https://www.benefeds.com> or call 1-877-888-FEDS. The TTY number is 1-877-889-5680.

In Solidarity,

*James DeRidder, President*  
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