



COVID-19 testing in Ontario schools

Monday, April 19, 2021

Subject: COVID-19 testing available for students, teachers, staff and their families on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25, 2021

To help increase access to testing during the school closure, Canada's largest medical laboratory, LifeLabs, will be providing free COVID-19 testing for students and staff from schools in your neighbourhood, as well as their families.

COVID-19 continues to spread in our community, and it is important to continue monitoring yourself and your child(ren) for symptoms, and self-isolate immediately and seek testing if any COVID-19 symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, please attempt to book an appointment at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre (www.ottawapublichealth.ca) prior to attending this clinic.

COVID-19 testing offered through this initiative is voluntary and intended for individuals two years of age and older who do not have any symptoms of COVID-19 and those who have had close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19.

If you are interested in participating, testing will be available on the following date:

Where: **Adult High School, 300 Rochester St, Ottawa, ON K1R 7N4**

When:

Saturday, April 24, 2021

9 am to 3:45pm	All students, staff and their families
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Sunday, April 25, 2021

10 am to 2:45 pm	All students, staff and their families
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Testing is an important layer of protection that helps to track and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Increased testing may also help to reduce stress and anxiety related to the virus by identifying cases early and avoiding outbreaks.

Participants can walk-in to the location during the allocated testing time; no appointment is necessary.

NOTE: If the demand for testing reaches capacity, people will be given a return timecard which will allow access for testing at a specific time. This system helps the flow on-site and reduces wait times for testing.

Upon arrival, consent will be required from parents / guardians of students under 18 years of age.

LifeLabs will be providing PCR testing. Our Goal = less discomfort!

The test process is very simple and safe and the collection site will have many safety protocols in place and will be staffed by professionals who will be following a multitude of safety parameters. LifeLabs uses



a swab similar to a Q-tip that is inserted into the front part of the nostril and rotated for fifteen seconds (per nostril). After the sample is collected, the test results will then be available within 24-48 hours on LifeLabs WorkClear Thrive application. If an OHIP number has been provided at the time of check-in/registration results will also be uploaded to <https://covid19results.ehealthontario.ca:4443/agree>.

Thank you for helping us keep the school community safe and healthy even during the current closure!