



April 7, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Staff,

Ottawa Public Health (OPH), in collaboration with CHEO and local health care partners, is running a **COVID-19 rapid testing clinic** for students and staff from schools in your neighbourhood as well as their families.

**Rapid Testing Clinic details:**

**When:**

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**

8:30 am to 3:30pm	All students, staff and their families
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**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

8:30 am to 2:30 pm	All students, staff and their families
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**Where: Rideau Community Hub  
815 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa ON K1K 3A7**

Testing will take place in the gymnasium.

**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.**

**Who can go?**

Testing is for everyone in your family or household; those with or without symptoms of COVID-19, and those who have or have not been exposed to COVID-19.

**Why is it important?**

Identifying people with COVID-19 will help to prevent spread at home and in our community and keep our classes and schools open. The risk of getting COVID-19 by going to a testing site is very low. OPH, CHEO and our health partners have many precautions put in place to reduce this risk.

**How does it work?**

The test for people without any symptoms will be a rapid test, which is similar to the lab-based test, but less invasive and gives results on the same day. You will not be required to isolate while waiting for the results of this rapid test, unless you have symptoms or a known exposure to COVID-19. If your rapid antigen test result is negative, you will not be called. If your rapid test result is positive, you and your household/family members will be asked to return for a lab-based test to confirm the rapid test result and will need to isolate at home until the lab-based test results are known. If the individual who tested positive on the rapid test does not return for a confirmatory lab-based test, he or she will need to isolate for 10 days and household members will need to isolate for 14 days.



The test for people with symptoms of COVID-19 and/or who have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be the rapid test along with the lab-based test. Individuals with symptoms will need to isolate at home until their lab-based test results are back, and individuals who have recently been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will need to self-isolate as directed by OPH. Further instructions will be provided to you at the time of testing.

**How can I stay safe?**

A negative result from this testing clinic does not completely rule out the possibility that you or your child is infected with COVID-19. Continue to complete your daily screening tool, and follow masking and physical distancing recommendations.

**More Details:**

<p><b>Bring these items with you for testing:</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The health cards of all family members who will be tested, if you have them.</li> <li>• Your contact information (i.e., name, phone number).</li> <li>• Name and address of your family doctor, if you have one.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: You can still get tested even if you do not have a health card or a family doctor.</p>
<p><b>When you get there:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please wear a mask before entering the school.</li> <li>• Upon entering the school, use the hand sanitizer available at the door.</li> <li>• Families must stay together. Please stay at least 2 metres away from anyone who does not live in your home.</li> <li>• You will not have access to any other part of the school.</li> </ul>
<p><b>When you leave:</b></p>	<p>You will be given information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you develop symptoms.</li> <li>• Instructions about when you will be able to return to school or work in-person.</li> </ul>

Although we plan to be able to test all students, staff and their families who come for testing, if there is not enough time, we may have to turn away some individuals arriving at the end of the day and suggest other testing options.

**Other Testing Options:**

People who are not able to come for testing at this time are welcome to visit an [Assessment Centre for testing](#) if they are symptomatic or if they are a high risk contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Individuals without symptoms or who have not been identified as a high risk contact are not eligible for testing at local Assessment Centres. Please book an appointment online ahead of time. For more information, please visit [OttawaTestingUpdate.ca/](http://OttawaTestingUpdate.ca/).

**Contact Us:**

If you have questions about this testing clinic, please contact Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. Thank you, Rideau Community Hub, for hosting the Rapid Testing Clinic.