

School Messenger to Maxwell Heights Secondary School and Eastdale CVI Family of Schools RE Asymptomatic Testing

March 4, 2021

From (no reply): DDSB Health & Safety

Subject Line: COVID-19 Testing Available on Tues, March 9

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Ministry of Education has partnered with LifeLabs to provide free COVID-19 testing for all students, their family members and staff at Maxwell Heights Secondary School, Eastdale CVI and associated feeder schools (Elsie MacGill PS, Gordon B. Attersley PS, Norman G. Powers PS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau PS, Seneca Trail PS, Sherwood PS, Clara Hughes PS, Coronation PS, David Bouchard PS, Forest View PS Harmony Heights PS and Vincent Massey PS).

COVID-19 testing is voluntary and only for asymptomatic individuals (those who are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.)

If you are interested in participating, COVID-19 testing will be available on the following date:

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Maxwell Heights Secondary School, 1100 Coldstream Dr, Oshawa, ON L1K 0N1

Entrance Doors and Parking: Please enter the school building through north entrance at Maxwell Heights SS to access testing taking place in the Cafeteria. Parking is available in the north parking lot.

When entering the testing site, please ensure that you are wearing a mask and that you maintain appropriate physical distancing from others.

Asymptomatic 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.

Register Ahead of Time or Drop-In

Please register for testing ahead of time by signing up at my.thrive.health using the following registration code: **Durham-hubsite5**

You will need to create an account using the LifeLabs online portal and additional instructions can be found in this [FAQ from LifeLabs](#). Participants are also able to walk-in to the location during the allocated testing time but it is encouraged that you register in advance.

Quick and Easy Testing Process

The test process is very simple, safe and the collection site will be staffed by professionals who will be following 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 at

<http://covid19results.ehealthontario.ca> if an OHIP ID was provided. Results will also be available on the LifeLabs WorkClear Thrive application where you registered.

If you have any questions or concerns, please review this [FAQ from LifeLabs](#) or contact the LifeLabs call centre at 1-877-849-3637.

Please note that the Durham District School Board is helping to facilitate testing by informing you of the opportunity to get tested and making space available at the school for testing to occur. LifeLabs is best placed to answer any questions about the testing itself. Testing will take place for all schools across the District on different dates and times and will be communicated directly to school communities.

Thank you for helping us keep the school community safe and healthy so that we can avoid any further disruption from the COVID-19 virus.

Sincerely,

Durham District School Board