

CHANGES TO ELIGIBILITY FOR COVID-19 TESTING AT COMMUNITY TESTING LOCATIONS: TESTING FOR ELIGIBLE GROUPS ONLY

January 4, 2022

York Region Public Health has partnered with Ontario Health (Central), York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) to offer COVID-19 testing to eligible individuals at two sites in York Region (George Street Public School and St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School). These sites operate in addition to the current [COVID-19 Assessment Centres](#) and pharmacies in York Region. Information about these two sites can be found below.

****NOTE: Eligibility for Testing Has Changed****

On December 30, 2021, the Ontario government announced significant changes to testing guidelines in response to the Omicron variant to protect the most vulnerable populations and preserve our health care capacity. The province is limiting access to publicly funded PCR testing COVID-19 testing to preserve resources for those who need them most.

School children and education staff with symptoms are no longer eligible for PCR testing at the community-based testing sites, COVID-19 Assessment Centers or pharmacies.

Testing at community-based testing sites, COVID-19 Assessment Centres and pharmacies is only available for:

- [Symptomatic](#) individuals who fall into one of the following groups:
 - Hospitalized patients
 - Patients in Emergency Departments, at the discretion of the treating clinician
 - Patient-facing health care workers
 - Staff, residents, essential care providers, and visitors in hospitals and congregate living settings, including long-term care, retirement homes, First Nation elder care lodges, group homes, shelters, hospices, temporary foreign worker settings, and correctional institutions
 - Outpatients for whom COVID-19 treatment is being considered
 - Individuals who are underhoused or homeless
- People who are from First Nation, Inuit, and Métis communities and individuals travelling into these communities for work
- People on admission/transfer to or from hospital or congregate living settings
- High-risk contacts and asymptomatic/symptomatic people in the context of confirmed or suspected outbreaks in high-risk settings, including hospitals, long-term care, retirement homes, other congregate living settings and institutions, and other settings as directed by the local public health unit
- Individuals, and one accompanying caregiver, with written prior approval for out-of-country medical services from the General Manager, OHIP
- Asymptomatic people in hospital, long-term care, retirement homes and other congregate living settings and Institutions as per provincial guidance and/or Directives

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When and where will testing be offered?

George Street Public School 115 George Street Town of Aurora, ON L4G 2S3 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January 2022 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. No clinic on Tuesday January 4th	St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School PortaPac #2 2 Davos Road City of Vaughan, ON L4H 2Y1 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January 2022 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. No clinic on Wednesday January 5th
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Registration for testing at these sites will be required; walk-ins will not be accepted. Registration links will be available soon at <https://www.drivercheck.ca/ontariohealth>.

Testing will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in January 2022. If this extends beyond January, additional testing dates will be shared in future communications.

Note: Pick-up or drop-off of rapid antigen testing will not be available at these testing sites.

What should you bring with you?

Eligible individuals under the new testing guidance are strongly encouraged to bring their valid Ontario Health (OHIP) card(s) so they can easily access their test results (you can still get tested if you do not have one), their work identification (if applicable) and a face mask or covering that must be worn at all times.

How can you access your test result?

You can access your COVID-19 test result online at [COVID-19.ontario.ca](https://www.covid-19.ontario.ca). Please note that it may take several days for results to be processed.

Questions

For general information about COVID-19 including symptoms, location of Assessment Centres in York Region and other resources, please visit york.ca/covid19 or call Access York at 1-877-464-9675.