



COVID-19 Update for Schools

Dr. Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health at KFL&A Public Health is asking everyone to consider voluntary, asymptomatic testing for COVID-19 if you:

- have travelled outside of the region (i.e., beyond Hastings, Prince Edward, Leeds, Grenville, or Lanark counties),
- have had visitors from outside the region, or
- have moved to the region in the last 14 days.

This asymptomatic testing initiative is being recommended in the KFL&A region, as KFL&A Public Health has received a lab confirmed B.1.1.7 case, a new, more easily transmissible variant of COVID-19 that was first found in the United Kingdom.

The recommendation is to monitor closely for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested 5 to 7 days post return to the KFL&A area, even if no symptoms have developed. Students and staff do not need to isolate while waiting for results of *asymptomatic* testing.

Tests can be booked at the:

- COVID-19 Assessment Centre – Beechgrove Complex, 51 Heakes Lane, or
- COVID-19 Assessment Centre Lennox & Addington – LACGH Westdale Campus, 12 Richmond Park Dr. Napanee.

Please remain vigilant and continue to adhere to public health measures over the coming weeks and months as schools begin in-person learning. The continued efforts of individuals and families to stay home, stay local, and to not travel unless for essential purposes will help keep the number of positive cases low in our area and help our community stay safe until vaccines are available to all.

*Note: International travel requires a mandatory 14 day quarantine upon return.



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