

# Rapid Antigen Testing Consent

Rapid antigen testing for the COVID-19 virus is used to detect the presence of viral proteins from the nostrils and is only used for screening and surveillance purposes, not for diagnostic purposes. Regular screening will help identify those who may be unknowingly carrying the virus. Rapid Antigen Testing is performed using a nasal swab (approx. 2-2.5 cm) of both nostrils. Results are processed in 15 minutes. You will be informed within 1 hour if you choose not to wait.

Anyone who tests positive will be contacted immediately by the tester and Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit will be informed. You will be directed to self-isolate at home and must arrange to have a PCR test within 24 hours to confirm the result.

I understand that my personal identifying information as noted above will be reported to the Public Health Unit who will provide further direction.

I understand that the partnering agencies will be submitting weekly quantitative and qualitative data to the MCCSS weekly. Data reported to the Ministry does not include any identifying information.

I understand that my results will be sent to me by email; with a positive result also followed up by phone as per provided.

By signing this consent form, I acknowledge that I have read (or have had the consent form read to me) and confirm that I consent to receive Rapid Antigen Testing. I am aware of the process and I consent to the collection use and disclosure of my results and information as described above. This consent is valid, however can be withdrawn at any time.

***Personal Health Information- All PHI will be collected used and disclosed in accordance with relevant legislation, including (PHIPA) the Personal Health Information Protection Act. All information and data collected by clinic staff and administrators amongst partnering agencies, pertaining to Rapid Antigen Screening, will remain confidential as per each Agency's confidentiality policies.***

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