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PCR -Test

To continue to support our schools, students, staff, and families, the **Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board** is pleased to be able to work in partnership with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services and Ontario Health to deliver PCR self-collection kits.

The PCR self-collection kits are available to students who are experiencing the symptoms most commonly associated with COVID-19 (outlined below).

Please note, your participation and usage of a PCR self-collection kit is **voluntary**.

For information about testing locations, please visit: ontario.ca/covidtestinglocations.

Students, staff and families are encouraged to review the website in advance of completing a PCR self-collection kit to determine an appropriate drop-off location based on geographic location and local context.

If you choose to participate, please read the important information below prior to using a PCR self-collection kit.

When to Use a PCR Self-Collection Kit:

- This testing option will be made available to students and staff who are experiencing the symptoms most commonly associated with COVID-19 while at school. As outlined below and on the following webpage:

https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/contact_mngmt/management_cases_contacts_omicron.pdf

- Fever and/or chills; OR
- Cough; OR
- Shortness of breath; OR
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell; OR ▪ **Two**

or more of:

- runny nose/nasal congestion
- headache
- extreme fatigue
- sore throat
- muscle aches/joint pain

- gastrointestinal symptoms (i.e. vomiting or diarrhea)

Using a PCR Self-Collection kit:

- Please follow the instructions provided in the PCR self-collection kit.
- **Please use the PCR self-collection kit on the morning before you drop it off at a participating community location.** A collected specimen has a **24-hour** shelf life and it is very important that the specimen is collected the same morning that it is dropped-off.
- How-to video on collecting your COVID-19 sample:
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNOPiuH-roU>
- Ensure that you have completed all of the required information on the test requisition and the specimen tube.
 - Label the specimen tube with the date of collection, your full name and either your Health Card Number (required for accessing results online) or date of birth.
 - Complete all required fields of the COVID-19 test requisition.

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- To find a drop-off location in your area, please visit:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations/>
- [When searching please enter your postal code and use the filter option on the left side of the screen to filter locations for “Accepts school PCR self-collection kits \(you can drop off the sample taken using the kit provided by a school\)”](#)
- Note that this website is updated on an ongoing basis.

Accessing your results:

- If you provided your Health Card Number and all required patient information in the test requisition form, **your test results will be accessible at:**
<https://covid19results.ehealthontario.ca:4443/>
- If you test positive for COVID-19, please follow the guidance found at:
https://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/contact_mngmt/management_cases_contacts_omicron.pdf

If your results are not available online via the COVID-19 Test Results Viewer, do NOT contact the Public Health Ontario laboratory directly. Instead, please contact the location where you dropped your sample/specimen off.