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**Resilience, Adaptation, and Reopening:**

# **Rapid Testing Policy & Implementation**

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# **Provincial Network Rapid Antigen Roundtable**

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# Provincial Antigen Screening Program (PASP)

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## Provincial Antigen Screening Program (PASP)

- Covered organizations under the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Letter of Instruction for MCCSS on vaccination policy are eligible to receive antigen tests at no cost through the **Provincial Antigen Screening Program**.
- MCCSS recently streamlined and automated the onboarding and ordering processes for MCCSS organizations.
- New applicants are invited to apply through the [Ontario Together Portal](#).
  - To expedite registration and access to tests when applying through the portal, please provide your Transfer Payment Recipient ID (TPR#) or CYFSA licensee number.
- Once approved, you will receive an approval confirmation email that contains a link to the [OACAS Ordering Portal](#), where you can immediately place your first order for tests.



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## Recent updates to PASP guidance

The Ministry of Health continues to update [COVID-19 Guidance: Considerations for Antigen Point-of-Care Testing](#), to reflect advice on the use of rapid antigen screening tests, as well as to facilitate rapid antigen point of care testing as a result of vaccine policy mandates.

Key updates in the most recent guidance include:

- Antigen POCT is not recommended for individuals who are fully vaccinated.
- Confirmatory testing is still required for a positive antigen POCT, and now can be done using a rapid molecular test (e.g., ID NOW) when rapid molecular tests can be reported into the Ontario Laboratories Information System (OLIS) as well as using laboratory- based PCR testing.
- Self-screening at home has been enabled through two changes to guidance:
  - Voluntary, unsupervised self-swabbing has been enabled.
  - Waste generated from at-home rapid antigen screening is exempt from guidance for disposal of test kits for organizations performing on-site workplace antigen screening programs.



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## PASP Training Resources

For more information review:

- [About the Provincial Antigen Screening Program \(PASP\)](#)
- The appropriate [rapid antigen testing training materials and video](#)
- [Considerations for antigen point-of-care testing \(PDF\)](#)
- [Provincial Testing Guidance \(PDF\)](#)
- [COVID-19 workplace safety plan](#) guidance

# Mandatory Rapid Testing Implementation

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## **Mandatory Rapid Testing Implementation**

- CMOH Letter of Instruction and MCCSS Guidance
- Exemptions and Accommodations
- Policy Enforcement
- Objections

## **CMOH Letter of Instruction/MCCSS Guidance on Rapid Testing**

- Who?
- When?
- How?
- Who pays for testing?
- Who pays for time?
- Exemptions from testing?
  - Previous confirmed positive case?
  - Human rights exemptions?

## Ontario Human Rights Commission

- Vaccination and testing requirements generally permissible
- Duty to Accommodate: Disability
- Duty to Accommodate: Creed
- Personal preferences and singular beliefs not protected



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## Policy Enforcement

- Enforcing disclosure requirements?
- Enforcing education requirements?
- Enforcing rapid testing requirements?
- Enforcing vaccination requirements?



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## Responding to Objections

- “Notice of Liability” letters
- Safety
- Privacy
- Convenience
- Paid time
- Warnings of discipline

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# RAPID TESTING: Quick Resources

## [OVERVIEW OF PROVINCIAL RAPID TESTING PROGRAM](#)

Source: Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services

## [RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING WEBINAR](#)

Source: SPPI

## [BD VERITOR OVERVIEW](#)

Source: Safehaven

## [QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE | PANBIO TRAINING GUIDE](#)

Source: Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services

## [SAFETY INFORMATION | TROUBLESHOOTING](#)

Source: Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services

## [RAPID TESTING AT KW HABILITATION VIDEO](#)

Source: KW Habilitation

## [DEEP NASAL SWAB COLLECTION](#)

Source: Public Health Ontario

## [REGISTRATION | SWAB COLLECTION | TESTING | RESULTS](#)

Source: Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services

## [RAPID TESTING PROCEDURE | PROCESS FLOWCHART](#)

Source: KW Habilitation

## [DOCUMENTING & REPORTING PROCEDURE](#)

Source: KW Habilitation

## [FINAL REPORT ON RAPID ANTIGEN PILOT AT CWSDS](#)

Source: Central West Specialized Developmental Services

## [RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING FAQ | POLICY FAQ](#)

Source: KW Habilitation, Unknown

# RAPID TESTING: Templates

## Consent Forms

[CONSENT FORM #1](#) | [CONSENT FORM #2](#)

Source: KW Habilitation, Community Living Parry Sound

[CONSENT FORM #3](#) | [CONSENT FORM \(GROUP HOME\)](#)

Source: Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services

## Confidentiality Agreements

[CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT #1](#) | [CONFIDENTIALITY #2](#)

Sources: Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services,  
KW Habilitation

## Policies

[BD VERITOR POLICY](#) | [PANBIO POLICY](#)

Source: Safehaven

[RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING POLICY](#)

Source: Community Living Parry Sound

## Tracking & Documenting

[WEEKLY SUMMARY & DAILY TRACKER TEMPLATE](#)

Source: Sunbeam Community & Developmental Services

## Communications

[COMMUNICATING RESULTS, NEXT STEPS](#)

Source: KW Habilitation