

April 28, 2021

To continue to support our schools, students, staff and families, the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) is pleased to be able to facilitate, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, targeted COVID-19 testing that is available to all students, their families and staff from our school.

In addition to daily screening, masking, and other health and safety measures, targeted testing in schools is an important layer of protection that helps to limit the spread of COVID-19. Targeted testing will help ensure that our schools remain a safe environment for all to learn and work in.

The testing is voluntary, and consent will be required. **Testing is for individuals who do not show any COVID-19 symptoms.** To check for COVID-19 symptoms, please go to: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>. This targeted testing is **not** available to anyone who was directed to self-isolate due to a potential exposure to COVID-19. If you were directed to self-isolate, please book a COVID-19 test at a Public Health assessment centre.

If you are interested in participating, testing will be available on the following dates:

Location: John F. Ross Collegiate Vocational Institute (21 Meyer Drive, Guelph):

- Thursday May 6, 2021, from 6pm-9pm
- Saturday May 8, 2021, from 9am-3pm

The testing will be conducted and managed by LifeLabs. LifeLabs uses a swab similar to a Q-tip that is inserted into the front part of the nostril and rotated for fifteen seconds (per nostril). While some students may be nervous about testing, LifeLabs stresses that the test is not painful and should not be uncomfortable for your child. The test should take no more than two minutes from start to finish. Test results will be provided within 24-48 hours. Results will be uploaded to covid19results.ehealthontario.ca.

You do not need an appointment for the testing clinic.

As part of the registration process, you will be required to provide parent or guardian information along with child information including name and date of birth. When you arrive at the testing location at the school, please make sure to be wearing a mask and bring a piece of government issued identification for your child. It would also be helpful to bring your/your child's Health Card.

Thank you for helping us keep our communities safe.