



Bluewater District School Board

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff:

Re: Voluntary asymptomatic COVID-19 testing

The Ministry of Education has mandated that school boards make voluntary asymptomatic (without obvious symptoms) COVID-19 testing of students and staff available. Testing is voluntary and consent will be required. Planning is underway to implement this testing across Bluewater District School Board schools.

Communication regarding the date, including a link for registration, will be provided to staff and families prior to each clinic. Household members of students and staff, and anyone with symptoms, should seek testing at an assessment centre.

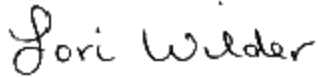
Asymptomatic testing clinics will occur in Bluewater District School Board using a “hub model” with a host school and a family of schools invited on the same date. The testing will be completed by GVT Labs, who will run the clinics. There are nine planned clinics, each on a Thursday evening, between March 11 and June 3, 2021. Each participating school will be booked in a set time frame (between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.).

Local public health units will continue to be responsible for investigation, contact tracing, and case management support in confirmed cases.

Date	Time	Location – Host school	Other schools included
March 11, 2021	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Peninsula Shores District, Wiarton	Bruce Peninsula District, Lion’s Head St. Edmunds Public, Tobermory Amabel-Sauble Community, Sauble Beach Hepworth Central Public, Hepworth
March 25, 2021	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Grey Highlands Secondary, Flesherton	Dundalk and Proton Community, Dundalk Highpoint Community, Dundalk Macphail Memorial Elementary, Flesherton Osprey Central, Maxwell Beavercrest Community, Markdale
April 8, 2021	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Owen Sound District Secondary, Owen Sound	East Ridge Community, Owen Sound Hillcrest Elementary, Owen Sound Itinerant, education centre, and occasional staff
April 22, 2021	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Owen Sound District Secondary, Owen Sound	Keppel-Sarawak Elementary, Owen Sound Alexandra Community, Owen Sound Holland-Chatsworth Central, Holland Centre Itinerant, education centre, and occasional staff
April 29, 2021	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Walkerton District Community, Walkerton	Chesley District Community, Chesley Hillcrest Central, Teeswater Mildmay-Carrick Public, Mildmay Paisley Community, Paisley Itinerant, education centre, and occasional staff
May 13, 2021	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Saugeen District Senior, Port Elgin	G. C. Huston Public, Southampton Northport Elementary, Port Elgin Port Elgin-Saugeen Central, Port Elgin Arran-Tara Elementary, Tara Sullivan Community, Desboro

May 20, 2021	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	John Diefenbaker Senior, Hanover	Dawnview Public, Hanover Hanover Heights Community, Hanover Normanby Community, Ayton Spruce Ridge Community, Durham Egremont Community, Holstein
May 27, 2021	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Kincardine District Senior, Kincardine	Elgin Market Public, Kincardine Kincardine Township-Tiverton Public, Kincardine Lucknow Central Public, Lucknow Ripley-Huron Community, Ripley Huron Heights Public, Kincardine
June 3, 2021	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Georgian Bay Community, Meaford	St. Vincent-Euphrasia Elementary, Meaford Beaver Valley Community, Thornbury Itinerant, education centre, and occasional staff

Sincerely,



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