



COVID-19 RAPID-TESTING PROTOCOL

The CMOH requires individuals subject to testing requirements under the COVID-19 immunization disclosure policy (those unvaccinated for COVID-19) to provide verification of negative test results at least two times per week. Verification is to be provided to Knox Christian School.

The following are the guidelines for rapid testing:

- Testing is to take place at an individual's residence prior to attending work.
- Testing should be implemented twice each week with at least 3 days between tests and conducted Sunday to Friday
- Testing should not take place more than 48 hours before attending work.

Knox will require an attestation confirming that a negative result has been attained after each required test (See Verification of Testing below).

Knox will provide nasal swab rapid tests for those who must complete rapid testing as per Knox's Vaccination Disclosure Policy

The following handout explains how an individual can self-administer a COVID-19 rapid test kit:

<https://www.ontariohealth.ca/sites/ontariohealth/files/2021-08/PASP-COVID19-Self-Testing%20Instructions.docx>

This video demonstrates the process: <https://youtu.be/FSw9C722WqM>

Please note, rapid antigen screening is only for individuals who are asymptomatic (not showing symptoms). Anyone who has symptoms should seek testing at their local assessment centre consistent with provincial testing guidance.

A positive result on a rapid antigen test is considered a preliminary (presumptive) positive and requires confirmation with a PCR test at an assessment centre.

Any individual that receives a preliminary positive result on a COVID-19 rapid antigen test, is required to:

1. Seek a confirmatory PCR test immediately at a [designated testing centre](#).
2. Isolate immediately until the result of their confirmatory PCR test is known.
3. Safely return to work only after they receive a negative result from a confirmatory PCR test at a designated testing centre.

Any positive confirmatory test is routinely reported to the local public health unit, consistent with public health legislation, to support case and contact management and surveillance.

The employer will not inform a public health unit of an employee's rapid antigen test result (regardless of whether it was positive or negative).

If an individual has had a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection they should not participate in antigen testing for 90 days following the date of their positive COVID-19 test result. These individuals should immediately resume COVID-19 rapid antigen testing after the 90th day from the date of their positive COVID-19 PCR result.

If a Knox employee decides to not use the rapid antigen test provided by Knox, he/she will need to supply his/her own alternate test at his/her own cost (if any). The alternative rapid test will need to be approved by the Knox COO. Attestation of negative result is still required for all forms of rapid test.

Verification of Testing

As stated in the September 3rd, 2021, memo to private schools, private schools must verify that individuals who are not fully vaccinated have completed a test as required and received a negative result.

Knox will collect verification of testing through the following:

- Completion of the Verification of Testing Form after each completed test:
<https://forms.gle/hGDxXsvfGynoB2oK9>

To complete the form, you will need to take a picture of the administered test cartridge and submit it through the form. Only the Knox COO will see the completed form and photo.

Reporting to Outside Agencies

Knox is required to report the results of rapid tests weekly by sending an aggregated data set to the provincial government. The following information will be required from Knox:

1. The type of rapid test used.
2. Number of rapid antigen tests used.
3. Number of invalid rapid antigen test results.
4. Number of individuals who tested positive with a rapid antigen test.
5. Number of individuals who tested negative with a rapid antigen test.

All data are reported and stored at the aggregate, de-identified level; no patient identifiable data is collected.