

## **Appendix 2: COVID-19 Testing for Institutions Welcoming International and Domestic Students from Outside Canada**

As noted in a memo issued to Designated Learning Institutions (DLIs) on August 15, 2020, Ontario is requiring that institutions ensure that both international and domestic students who are in quarantine as a result of having entered Canada within two weeks prior to the start of their studies are tested for the COVID-19 virus at least once during their quarantine period.

While the August 15<sup>th</sup> communication indicated that testing should preferably take place within five to seven days after the arrival period to address the virus incubation period, this communication is to clarify that testing can take place at Day 14 of quarantine for students to fully complete the 14-day quarantine period.

While waiting for the results, students should remain in quarantine and the institution will continue its responsibility for quarantine oversight. If a student tests positive, that restarts the quarantine period and institutions must maintain their oversight of the student during that period.

Transportation to and from a testing site is not a requirement, but institutions should consider facilitating transportation to and from testing facilities, if at all possible.

To arrange for testing to be conducted, DLIs can use one of two models:

1. **Assessment Centre Testing:** In this option, DLIs will work with students and if possible, facilitate transportation of students to and from a local Assessment Centre for testing. Testing must be scheduled in advance to ensure the Assessment Centre is able to manage the testing volumes. In order to schedule testing in advance, institutions should [contact a local Assessment Centre](#).
2. **Onsite Testing:** In this option, DLIs will [order swab kits](#) from the province for their onsite clinic(s). DLIs must either have an ordering clinician on campus or must partner with a physician or nurse practitioner to [complete the provincial COVID-19 test requisition](#), conduct specimen collection, transport specimens (as per [Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations](#)), and follow up on test results with all students. For DLIs interested in conducting onsite testing that wish to receive further guidance, please contact [Covid19Testing@OntarioHealth.ca](mailto:Covid19Testing@OntarioHealth.ca).

For either option above, DLIs should inform their Ontario Health Region of their plans to support alignment with local testing plans. Ontario's Ministry of Health and local COVID-19

Assessment Centres have been informed of this testing policy to ensure that they are prepared to respond to questions from DLIs.

To identify their Ontario Health Region, DLIs should refer to the Ontario Health regions [map](#) and enter their postal code in the Local Health Integration Network [locator tool](#) to confirm.

Ontario Health regional team contact information:

- North: [OHNTesting@lhins.on.ca](mailto:OHNTesting@lhins.on.ca)
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- Toronto: [TRTestingIntake@tc.lhins.on.ca](mailto:TRTestingIntake@tc.lhins.on.ca)
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