

## Public Health COVID-19 Testing Notice to School Community

November 16, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian/Staff,

The Public Health Mobile Unit will be offering **free PCR testing at Cunard Junior High School on Wednesday, November 17, from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Booked appointments will be available, and drop-ins are welcome based on availability. Testing is open to all students and staff of the school community. PCR testing includes the swish and gargle test for ages 4 to 18.

### **Important note for Close Contacts:**

Students or staff who have been identified by Public Health as being a close contact are **required to be tested on day 6/7 from their last date of exposure.** If this PCR test is negative and the student or staff has no symptoms and has had no additional exposures, they can return to the school.

### **Please drop-in or book a PCR test at the following COVID-19 testing locations:**

- Public Health Mobile Unit: Cunard Junior High School on Wednesday, November 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – *Drop-in or by appointment*
- Old Nissan Dealership (3447 Kempt Road, Halifax)  
Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – *By appointment*
- Bayers Lake – former Bouclair (194 Chain Lake Drive, Halifax)  
Open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – *By appointment*

**To book an appointment for a COVID-19 test, please visit <https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/en> or call 811. If you need help with transportation, please call Nova Scotia Health at 1-844-996-0694 to book your appointment and to arrange transportation.**

Important notes when visiting the mobile unit or a Public Health COVID-19 Testing Centre:

- Unless you have symptoms, you do **not** need to self-isolate while you wait for your results, unless directly advised by Public Health to isolate.
- The testing method is either a PCR swab or Swish and Gargle for children and youth. Preparation is required in advance for gargle testing. [View instructions.](#)
- Please bring your health card with you, if you have one.

**If students or staff develop symptoms, please stay home and get tested as soon as possible for COVID-19.** Please refer to the instructions given with your Test to Protect kits and use the self-swab rapid test if appropriate. You can also visit the online assessment at <https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca/en> or call 811 if you don't have access to the internet to arrange a COVID-19 test at a testing site.

Thank you,

Public Health