

Dear St. Catharines Collegiate Staff & Students:

Subject: Voluntary COVID-19 asymptomatic testing available for staff and students on Wednesday March 10, 2021.

To ensure that our school remains safe for all to learn and work in, we have partnered with LifeLabs, to provide free COVID-19 testing for all staff and students at **St. Catharines Collegiate**.

COVID-19 testing is voluntary and only for asymptomatic individuals (those who are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.)

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

- **Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021**
- **Time: 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm**
- **Location: St. Catharines Collegiate** - Signs indicating the testing location within the school (Gym) will be on the front door of the school

Asymptomatic testing is an important layer of protection that helps to track and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Increased testing may also help to reduce stress and anxiety related to the virus by identifying cases early and avoiding outbreaks.

Drop in when you can or register ahead of time

Participants are able to walk-in to the location during the allocated testing time. Or, if you would like to register ahead of time, please sign up at my.thrive.health using these unique registration codes for your school: **Niagara-hubsite1**

Our Goal = less discomfort!

The test process is very simple and safe and the collection site will be staffed by professionals who will be following a multitude of safety parameters. 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). After the sample is collected, the test results will then be available within 24-48 hours on LifeLabs WorkClear Thrive application. If an OHIP number has been provided at the time of check-in/registration results will also be uploaded to covid19results.ehealthontario.ca.

Thank you for helping us keep the St. Catharines Collegiate Secondary School community safe and healthy so that we can avoid any further disruption from the COVID-19 virus!

- More information about the LifeLabs EDU Targeted Testing program <https://www.lifelabs.com/covid-19-updates/covid19-pcr-testing-for-schools/>
- FAQs: <https://lifelabs.azureedge.net/lifelabs-wp-cdn/2021/02/LifeLabs-Testing-in-Schools-FAQ-for-Parents-Registration.pdf>