



January 7, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Ontario Health have provided school boards across the province, including the Lambton Kent District School Board with voluntary PCR self-collection testing kits for symptomatic elementary and secondary students and education staff who are being dismissed from school mid-day. The test kits will be provided upon request from parents/guardians or students while supplies last. This approach is intended to minimize disruptions for children and families.

The tests are minimally invasive (e.g. nasal mouth and saliva testing). The test kit will include information on how to use the self-collection kit and instructions to drop it off at a participating community location if and when necessary. Individuals can access their test results on the Ontario COVID-19 online test results portal. In the case of a confirmed positive result for COVID-19, please follow the directions of the Ministry of Health, your local Public Health Unit and the [COVID-19 School Screening Assessment tool](#).

Participation in the take-home PCR self-collection testing is voluntary. If you have any questions about your child, please contact the school. Health-related questions can be directed to [Chatham-Kent Public Health/Lambton Public Health](#) or your personal health care professional.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howitt".

John Howitt
Director of Education
Lambton Kent District School Board