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To: Lambton Centennial Public School Community

Re: School Testing Site

Dear students, parents, staff and administrators of Lambton Centennial Public School,

I am writing to inform you of a service that Lambton Public Health will be offering beginning Thursday, Sept. 24 to provide streamlined testing for COVID-19 to students. I am writing specifically to you because the Lambton-Kent District School Board and Lambton Public Health intend to use an isolated classroom with a separate entrance in Lambton Centennial Public School to conduct COVID-19 tests for students from the area. This service will be limited to providing tests only - we won't be assessing or diagnosing severely ill children.

COVID-19 testing of students helps us to do a number of things. First, since most kids with symptoms won't have COVID-19, it helps you to get them back to school more easily. Getting kids back to school helps parents and guardians get back into their routines as well. Second, it keeps kids with minor symptoms away from places where severely ill people go to get assessed. Finally, it may assist public health to be able to test school students quickly in the event of school-related cases of COVID-19.

We will be using a number of measures to keep the school community safe.

- At this time, testing is only available to students who are registered in schools or to those that are directed by public health to receive a test.
- Testing is by appointment only.
- Entry to the classroom will be through a dedicated door to the outside, and children from the school will not be using this hallway or door at the same time as those who are coming in to be tested.
- People arriving for tests will not be able to access other parts of the school - we will manage the access of people getting tested to limit the numbers and ensure physical distancing.
- We will use appropriate environmental cleaning and waste management practices.

We thank you for your patience as we set up and deliver this important service to the school community. If you have questions, please contact Lambton Public Health at 519 383-8331.

Regards,

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