



## COVID-19 Rapid Testing for Post-Secondary Institutions

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Rapid tests are available as an optional, time-limited initiative for post-secondary institutions for testing of symptomatic employees and students. The tests are a self-management tool intended to support the continuity of on-campus learning, instruction and research. Additional information on public health measures, including vaccinations and public health case management, is available in the [BCCDC Return to Campus Public Health Guidance](#).

### Distribution of Rapid Tests

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Self-administered rapid tests are being distributed directly to post-secondary institutions based on test kit availability. The first allocation of test kits will be distributed to:

- Employees at public post-secondary institutions offering in-person learning and services in order to support academic and operational continuity for students (two tests per person);
- Employees and students at Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association institutions; and,
- Students and employees in on-campus student housing at public and private post-secondary institutions, in order to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in congregate living settings.

A second allocation of test kits will be distributed, based on a proportional allocation of available test kits, to both public and private post-secondary institutions for students to support continuity of learning. Additional allocations may be considered based on test kit availability.

### When and How to Use Rapid Tests

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Employees and students are advised to only use the rapid test if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#).

Asymptomatic screening of employees and students is not recommended by public health and tests distributed to post-secondary institutions from the provincial supply are not to be used for asymptomatic screening programs.

Current public health recommendations for [COVID-19 Viral Testing](#) are available from BCCDC.

Instructions on [how to use different types of rapid tests](#) are also available from BCCDC.



## Test Results

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Individuals who test **positive** should be referred to [If You Have COVID-19](#) for information on self-isolation and notifying contacts. Individuals who test **negative** should be instructed to return to classes when they feel well enough to resume regular activities.

