



Department of Families

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES CIRCULAR

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To: Early Learning and Child Care centres, nursery schools and family/group child care homes; and Child Development Specialists/Workers and Autism Applied Behavior Analysis Tutors/Consultants

Subject: Fast Pass rapid testing program

Type: Policy

Procedure

Effective Date: Immediately

Fast Pass rapid testing sites offer a dedicated testing stream for individuals working directly with children in licensed child care and schools. The sites are a tool to slow the spread of COVID-19 through fast identification. In most cases, Fast Pass clients will be able to access their test result on the same day of receiving a test.

There are three Fast Pass locations in Manitoba: 1175 18th Street, Brandon; 1066 Nairn Avenue, Winnipeg; and 485 George Avenue, Winkler.

In order to access testing at a Fast Pass site, individuals must:

- work in a licensed child care centre, nursery school or family/group child care home located in Manitoba, as well as Child Development Specialists/Workers and Autism Applied Behavior Analysis Tutors/Consultants.
- be symptomatic **and/or have tested positive on a rapid antigen test.**
- show identification and proof of eligibility at the time of appointment
 - the ELCC Program has provided a proof of employer letter template for eligible centre-based facilities and a form on government letterhead for eligible family/group child care homes to complete as proof of eligibility.
 - the Children's disABILITY Services program has provided a proof of employer letter template for eligible child development or Autism staff to complete as proof of eligibility.

Some sites require that appointments be booked ahead of time; for further information, including hours of operation, see: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/rapid-testing.html.

Additional information

- Information on eligibility for testing at provincial testing sites is available at: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/testing-eligibility.html.
- A list of locations and information on how to make a testing appointment can be found at: www.manitoba.ca/covid19/testing/locations.html.
- For information about self-isolation requirements and exemptions, see: <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/fundamentals/self-isolation.html>
- Service providers are encouraged to visit the Department of Families COVID-19 Notices and Circulars page on a regular basis for updates: www.gov.mb.ca/fs/covid-circulars.html.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.