

INFORMATION BULLETIN

COVID-19 Assessment Centre relocates to Beechgrove Complex Sept. 26 *Drive-through swabbing available Sept. 26 and 27*

Kingston, ON – Sept. 23, 2020 – As of September 26, Kingston Health Sciences Centre (KHSC) will relocate the Community COVID-19 Assessment Centre to the Beechgrove Complex in Kingston. The current location at the Leon's Centre in downtown Kingston will close.

The Beechgrove Complex lies just south of the King St. West/Portsmouth Avenue intersection. Signage will direct people through the Complex to the Recreation Centre building at 51 Heakes Lane for walk-in testing and will mark the route cars must travel for drive-through testing on Sept. 26 and 27.

“With volumes growing quickly in the Assessment Centre, we believe the new site will be more responsive to community need,” says Elizabeth Bardon, KHSC vice-president of mission, strategy integration and support services. “It will give us greater flexibility in terms of physical space, accessibility, patient comfort and parking. We will continue to reassess and adjust as we go to continually improve the model.”

WHAT STAYS THE SAME

- Prior to visiting the Assessment Centre, patients and parents of young children are encouraged to complete an online self-assessment to determine if they need to come in for a test. Self-assessment tools are available at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>.
- Walk-in patients will continue to be seen. Infants under 6 months of age should be taken to the Children's Outpatient Centre at our HDH site or the Emergency Department for assessment.
- People are required to bring a valid Ontario health card or a piece of photo identification.
- People must wear a mask and maintain physical distancing at all times while in the walk-in line.

WHAT'S NEW

- **Operating hours:** Testing hours will return to 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.
- **Drive-through swabbing:** To help address the immediate need for more testing in our community, a drive-through option will be available Saturday, Sept. 26 and Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Beechgrove site. In-car testing will be limited to 4 persons per car and individuals being tested must bring a valid Ontario health card. Drive-through swabbing is scheduled only for this weekend. KHSC will evaluate the model and determine next steps.
- **Feedback tool:** The public can now send their concerns, questions and comments to COVIDAC@kingstonhsc.ca and every effort will be made to provide a response within two business days.

For more information about the COVID-19 Assessment Centre visit www.KingstonHSC.ca/COVID19
To obtain COVID-19 test results online visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/>

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