

Renfrew County and District Health Unit

"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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Expanded Community Testing for COVID-19

The County of Renfrew Paramedic Services will be making additional testing available at pre-scheduled testing site locations throughout Renfrew County and District in the coming weeks. Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, states that he "encourages testing of any resident who is symptomatic or has concerns that they may have been exposed to COVID-19".

In response to Phase One of the provincial government's reopening framework, which eases mobility restrictions and other public health measures in our communities, testing is available for the following populations:

- Symptomatic testing:
 - o All people with at least one symptom of COVID-19, even for mild <u>symptoms</u>.
- Asymptomatic, risk-based testing:
 - People who are concerned that they have been exposed to COVID-19. This
 includes people who are contacts of or may have been exposed to a confirmed
 or suspected case.
 - People who are at risk of exposure to COVID-19 through their employment, including essential workers (e.g. health care workers, grocery store employees, food processing plants).

Residents of Renfrew County and District who would like to be tested are asked to contact Renfrew County Virtual Triage Assessment Centre (RCVTAC) at 1-844-727-6404 or RCDHU at 613-735-8654 or 1-800-267-1097 to pre-register. They will then receive the date and time for the next clinic depending on their area of the county.

For more information visit the RCVTAC website at https://rcvtac.ca/, the County of Renfrew Paramedic Services website at https://www.renfrewparamedics.ca/, or RCDHU's website at https://www.rcdhu.com/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-2/.

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