

RAPID TESTS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL- AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES

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A rapid screening initiative for COVID-19 has launched in Halton Hills.

The initiative launches in partnership between the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce (HHCOC), the Town of Halton Hills, the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the federal and provincial government.

Free rapid tests for small- and medium-sized businesses will be available in Halton Hills.

"Chambers of commerce and boards of trade have been indispensable resources in their communities since the onset of the COVID-19 crisis," said Melanie Frazer, executive director of the HHCOC.

"Public health and the health of our economy are interdependent. That is why our chamber is proud

to distribute rapid tests to small businesses in Halton Hills."

The rapid screening initiative will provide free rapid antigen tests for employees of small- and medium-sized businesses, including nonchamber businesses, with 150 or fewer employees are welcome to participate.

The goal of the initiative is to identify asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 in the workplace that might otherwise be missed, thus helping to curb the spread in the workplace, at home, and in the community.

"We hope that through this program, we will be able to curb the spread and reopen our local economy safely," Frazer said.

Interested businesses can log into www.halton-hillschamber.on.ca/rapid-

screening to order their two-week supply of rapid tests.

Kits are available for pickup at Mold-Masters SportPlex Arena (221 Guelph St.) in Georgetown by appointment. Companies are required to have video training to properly supervise the screening process and to safely dispose of the used kits.

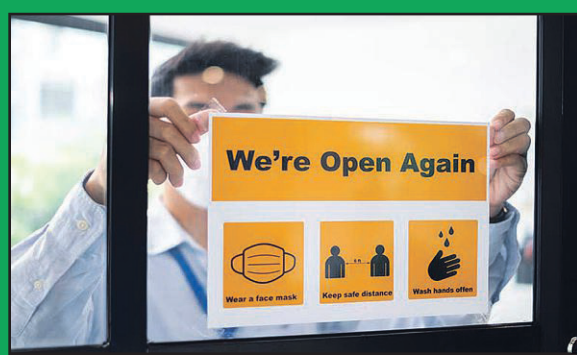
"I'm pleased that the town has been able to support this important initiative," Mayor Rick Bonnette said. "This is an excellent repurposed use of our facility."

If a test results in a preliminary positive for COVID-19, the employee will be required to leave the workplace, arrange for a PCR test within 24 hours at an approved COVID-19 assessment site and self-isolate until a confirmatory test result is received.



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Small- and medium-sized businesses in Halton Hills can get a two week supply of rapid antigen tests for COVID-19.



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