

COVID-19 Home Testing FAQs

Disclosure of Vaccination Status

Where do I disclose my vaccination status?

Please visit wrh.on.ca/disclose if you would like to update your vaccination status.

I would like to get vaccinated. What do I do?

If you would like to be vaccinated WALK-IN to:

8:00 am – 3:15 pm Devonshire Vaccination Clinic 7 days a week.

Do I have to show proof of vaccination?

Yes, you must provide your COVID-19 vaccine receipt(s) upon disclosure. This is in accordance with the Directive issued by the Ontario Government on August 17, 2021, found [Here](#).

I am unable to be vaccinated a medical reason. Do I have to show proof?

Yes, you must provide proof of medical exception. The Directive issued by the Ontario Government on August 17, 2021, found [Here](#) states you must provide "written proof of a medical reason, provided by a physician or registered nurse in the extended class that sets out: (i) a documented medical reason for not being fully vaccinated against COVID-19, and (ii) the effective time-period for the medical reason."

I am unable to be vaccinated based on human rights grounds. Do I have to show proof?

Yes, you must submit valid human rights grounds with evidence acceptable to WRH and in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Do I have to complete the education module on the COVID-19 Vaccine?

Staff who choose to remain unvaccinated based on human rights grounds are **required** to participate in an education program on the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination. The video and attestation can be completed at www.wrh.on.ca/VaccineEducation.

If you are vaccinated or have medical exemption you can still complete the education module although it is **not mandatory**. The video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdDUTNTS6HQ>.

Self-Testing

Who is required to do self-testing?

Staff who are unvaccinated are required to do self-testing. Self-testing should be done when you don't have symptoms.

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not self-test and instead, should get tested at an Assessment Centre with a PCR-test.

Is self-testing mandatory?

For staff who are unvaccinated, it is mandatory that they have completed a test before entering WRH. This is in accordance with the Directive issued by the Ontario Government on August 17, 2021, found [Here](#).

When do I have to start self-testing?

If you are required to self-swab you are to begin testing Sunday, September 5th.

How often do I need to test?

You need to show proof of a negative test before arriving at a WRH location. Staff are to conduct a rapid swab test twice per week – Sunday and Wednesday before noon regardless of next shift.

What if I take an extended vacation, work exclusively at home or am on an approved leave of absence from work do I have to swab?

If staff take an extended vacation (5 days or greater in a row) or are on an approved leave of absence from work (5 days or greater) or work exclusively at home they need to swab the Sunday or Wednesday before they come back to work in the hospital.

Will the COVID-19 screening questions change?

Yes, the COVID-19 screening questions upon entry to the hospital will be modified starting Tuesday, September 7th at 12:01am.

How do I get my test kits?

Your first kit (containing 25 tests) are to be picked up at a designated location or you may request to have them mailed to you. When you have 5 tests left in your kit, you are required to pick up or request delivery of additional test kit.

How do I do a self-test?

You can find instructions on how to self-test here: <https://youtu.be/tAZwrrmTVmw>

Do I have to report my results?

Yes. You will be expected to report your results at wrh.on.ca/hometest.

When you go to work, you will also attest upon entry screening that you have completed a rapid test the previous Sunday and Wednesday before noon.

What do I do if I test positive with a home testing kit?

If you test positive you must self-isolate, get tested at an Assessment Centre with a PCR-test, and contact Employee Health (mywrh.ca/EmployeeHealth)

What should I do if I test negative but have COVID-19 symptoms?

The tests are not to be used by anyone with symptoms or who has a known exposure to someone with COVID-19. Symptomatic and exposed staff should follow current guidelines to be tested at an Assessment Centre with a PCR-test.

If I have previously recovered from COVID-19 will I test positive with this kit?

This is an antigen test, not an antibody test. People who have previously recovered from COVID-19 will not test positive unless they have been infected again.

Is my health information shared with anyone outside of HR?

No. This program is delivered by WRH Employee Health (Occupational Health). Employee Health is a part of WRH Human Resources. Only Employee Health staff are involved in the shipping of test kits and the management of data entered into wrh.on.ca/hometest.

However, Employee Health may notify your manager, supervisor, Medical Affairs / Department Chief or principal investigator if you fail to comply with any aspects of the policy.

Can I share my tests with friends and family?

No. Tests are for the exclusive use of the staff member and are to be used only for routine asymptomatic screening.

I got an invalid test result. What do I do?

If the control line is not present on your cartridge after 15 minutes, you will need to test yourself again, using a new swab and cartridge.

My kit arrived re-taped. Is my kit safe to use?

Yes. The kit was opened for quality assurance by our team and then re-taped. The kit is safe to use.

The manufacturer instructions indicate that PPE and biohazard disposal is required for use of the kit. Why is this not included?

PPE and biohazard disposal are only necessary if a healthcare practitioner is obtaining a test sample from another person using the kit. For an individual testing self at home, these supplies are not necessary.

The manufacturer instructions refers to 'control swabs' being in the kit, but I do not see them in the kit? Is my kit safe to use?

Yes. The control swabs were removed from each kit as part of quality assurance by our team because they are not needed for staff self-testing. The kit is safe to use.

The packaging for the swabs reads it was made in China, but the outside of the kit reads the kit was made in Germany. Is the kit safe to use?

Yes. The kit is safe to use. Since this is a kit with multiple components, it is not unusual for the varying components to be manufactured in different locations.