

## Memo from the CEO and COS

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**Date:** May 27, 2020  
**To:** All Employees/Professional Staff/Affiliates  
**Subject:** **Swabbing of all Staff – Last Day – Thursday, May 28, 2020**

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### Update on Totals

Our two-day total for staff swabbing is over 1500 and we have not even completed Day 2 yet.

### Swabbing for May 28, 2020

Our last day of this pilot project is Thursday May 28, 2020.

Ouellette Campus-2 North– runs 0630-1130 and 1430-2130

Met Campus- Fracture Clinic- runs 0630-1130 and 1430-2130

You will be provided with forms to complete and bring to testing and **WILL NEED YOUR HEALTH CARD.**

### Why get swabbed?

Being swabbed and tested is meant to protect patients, community, your family, friends, co-workers and yourself. It will allow you to know whether you are currently positive for COVID-19 and possibly (because it takes time for the virus to leave your system) whether you were positive recently but are shedding COVID-19

- [CDC - Discontinuation of Isolation for Persons with COVID -19 Not in Healthcare Settings](#)

As COVID-19 develops the Centres for Disease Control (CDC) has indicated that as many as 35% of those testing positive with COVID-19 are asymptomatic

- [CDC - COVID-19 Pandemic Planning Scenarios](#)

### **What happens if I test negative?**

If you test negative for COVID-19, you probably were not infected at the time your sample was collected. However, that does not mean you will not get sick. It is possible that you were very early in your infection when your sample was collected and that you could test positive later. Or you could be exposed later and then develop illness. In other words, a negative test result does not mean you won't get sick later. This means you could still spread the virus. If you test negative you should continue to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID 19 and practice all Public Health Measures currently in place including social distancing, hand hygiene, and now universal mask use while in any public setting at work or in the community.

- [Public Health – How to self monitor](#)

### **What happens if I test positive?**

Since anyone being swabbed at this time as part of this pilot test/surveillance is asymptomatic (if you were symptomatic you would not be coming to work) if you test positive you would contact employee health. They would try to perform contact follow-up. A guidance document for healthcare workers for from Public Health Ontario can be found at:

- [Ministry of Health - COVID-19 Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance](#)

**If you get a positive result please contact Employee Health immediately.**

Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm

Phone: 519-254-5577 Extension 52588 or 32525.

AFTER HOURS: 519-995-1854 or 519-995-0324

