

RANT for the Holidays

Purpose

Over the coming weeks, as we look to gather with friends and family to celebrate the Christmas and holiday season, we find ourselves in a more prepared situation than we were last year at this time. We have additional resources such as vaccinations and rapid antigen tests to help us support the safety and wellbeing of the people who use our services and our employees.

In response to the increase in COVID-19 cases within Canada, we have taken proactive steps in consultation with MCCSS, the Provincial Antigen Screening Program, and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency. Regardless of vaccination status, **every employee** and **people using services going for an overnight visit** will have the opportunity to take up to 5 rapid antigen test kits for personal use over the holiday season. Additionally, **visitors to Christian Horizons locations** will have the option to use a rapid antigen test.

Considerations

- Rapid antigen tests are effective but not perfect in identifying an asymptomatic case of COVID-19.
- If a rapid antigen test is positive that individual will need to seek a Polymer Chain Reaction (PCR) test to confirm. These can be accessed at traditional COVID-19 testing centers in your community.
- If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or know of an exposure to a positive case of COVID-19, seek PCR testing and do NOT complete a Rapid Antigen Test.
- The rapid tests can be used to screen those attending a gathering or can be used 3-7 days after a gathering to add confidence but not guarantee that there was no exposure or contraction of COVID-19.

General Instructions

- Up to 5 rapid antigen tests per employee or person who receives services may be taken for personal use.
- Refer to this [Job Aid](#) for detailed instructions on how to complete the rapid tests.
- A training video from the Provincial Antigen Screening Program on how to complete self-swabs is available for viewing from home [here](#).
 - Rapid antigen tests completed at home are treated as general waste and as such do not require a biohazard bin. The tests can be disposed of in your garbage bin.
 - Labeling the tubes as mentioned in the video is not required. If multiple tests are being done at the same time, clearly identify each person's test to prevent confusion.

Instructions - Employees

The **Employee - RANT Results Reporting Form** is located:

- Via the "[Staff Portal](#)" on the Christian Horizons website (accessible from home), or
- Via the "[Quick Links](#)" on CHConnect.
- Employees will record the results of the rapid tests completed on this [form](#) also available at the above links.
- **Employees who have not disclosed their full vaccination status are still required to complete supervised Rapid Antigen Tests at work locations and submit results as a condition of employment.**

Instructions – People Who Use Services and Visitors

The **Rapid Antigen Test Result Reporting - People Who Use Services and Visitors Form** is located:

- Via the [Covid-19 Response Page](#) on the Christian Horizons website (accessible from any location)
- People who use services can choose to complete a rapid antigen test in their support location.
- All visitors and contractors can choose to complete a rapid antigen test before entering a location.
 - **Contractors who do not provide proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test are required to complete a rapid antigen test prior to entering a location.**
- The results of the rapid antigen tests will be reported on this [form](#) also available at the link above.
- An employee will enter the results on behalf of the person supported or visitor using the form.