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COVID-19 School and Child Care Testing Expansion

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Point Edward, ON - Over the past several days, Lambton Public Health has investigated positive cases in three Lambton County schools. Given these cases, and the recent increase in community transmission of COVID-19, Lambton Public Health is encouraging **all symptomatic children to be tested**.

Since mid-September, Lambton Public Health has offered COVID-19 testing to school-aged children residing and/or attending school in Lambton County. We are happy to announce that we are now able to offer COVID-19 testing to child care-aged children at most locations.

At this time, this School Testing Centre option is available for:

- Children who are unable to attend school or child care due to illness, and requires a test in order to **return to school or child care**.
- Children and staff from a school or child care who have been notified by Lambton Public Health that they are **close contacts** of a COVID-19 case.
- **Symptomatic** child care/school staff, parents and household members of a child who was notified by Lambton Public Health that they are a close contact of a COVID-19 case.

Appointments are required and online options are now available.

- <u>Book online</u> by going to <u>app.getcorigan.ca</u>. Choose from available times and book a test when it is convenient for you.
- Call Lambton Public Health at 519-383-8331 or toll free 1-800-667-1839.

Please have the following details ready:

Child and parent/guardian information

- Current symptoms
- History of contact with other known or suspected COVID-19 positive person

- OHIP Number
- Primary care provider

Hours and locations of our testing centres are listed below:

- Sarnia School Testing Centre 260 Wellington St. (Former SCITS High School) Mon-Fri: 9:00am-3:00pm
- Forest School Testing Centre 6276 Townsend Line (Kimball Hall) Mon-Fri: 9:00am-3:00pm
- Petrolia School Testing Centre (for school-aged children only) 3823 Oil Heritage Rd. (Lambton Centennial School) Mon-Fri: 9:30am-3:00pm

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Learn more about <u>guidance to support a sick child</u>. To prepare your child for a test, review these <u>steps to get a COVID-19 test</u> for children. For more information on COVID-19 testing in Lambton County, visit our website at <u>https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/2019-novel-coronavirus/testing-criteria/</u>.

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