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## **Drive-Through Testing for COVID-19 Available at Kinsmen Centre Starting May 27 in Peterborough**

*Residents Without Symptoms Welcome to Get Tested  
Those With Symptoms to Call PRHC Assessment Centre*

Starting on Wednesday, May 27, local residents without symptoms can access drive-through testing for COVID-19 at the Kinsmen Civic Centre on a first-come, first-served basis.

This announcement was made today by local healthcare partners Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC), Peterborough County-City Paramedics, and Peterborough Public Health. Residents [with symptoms](#) are directed to book an appointment with the PRHC COVID-19 Assessment Centre by calling 705-876-5086.

Drive-through testing for asymptomatic residents will be provided at the Kinsmen Centre by the Peterborough Paramedics, who will take specimens using a nasopharyngeal swab and then send it to a public health lab for analysis. Residents who arrive by other means, such as on foot or by bicycle, will also be tested. Testing is available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. seven days a week starting Wednesday, May 27. The Kinsmen Centre is located at 1 Kinsmen Way, just off Sherbrooke St. Residents are asked to bring their Ontario Health Card.

Individuals are asked to stay in their vehicles and/or maintain appropriate physical distancing while waiting to be tested.

“Peterborough Paramedics are proud to continue to enhance our paramedical services throughout the City and County,” said Randy Mellow, Chief of Peterborough Paramedics. “The expansion of testing at drive-through locations is another collaborative effort in the fight against COVID-19 that we have seen throughout this pandemic in our community. I am incredibly proud of our team and our community.”

While testing is available for anyone who is worried about being exposed to COVID-19, health partners strongly encourage those who work in public-facing roles or in close quarters with fellow employees to get tested.

“We are hoping that anyone who works in a frontline role, such as grocery clerks, factory workers, pharmacy staff and other service providers will take advantage of this opportunity to get tested, even if they are not symptomatic,” said Dr. Rosana Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health. “This will help us identify positive cases early so we can follow up and test their close contacts to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.”

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“As of today’s date, PRHC has tested more than 5,100 people for COVID-19,” said Dr. Lynn Mikula, VP, Chief of Staff and Chief Medical Executive at PRHC. “We are pleased to partner with Peterborough County-City Paramedics and Peterborough Public Health to make this additional drop-in testing option available in our community for people who do not have symptoms. PRHC’s COVID-19 Assessment Centre continues to provide medical assessments and testing for patients who have symptoms of COVID-19. To avoid crowding, line-ups and wait times, PRHC continues to ask community members to call the Assessment Centre directly at 705-876-5086 to book an appointment. This phone line is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week.”

The City of Peterborough was also acknowledged for their partnership in making the Kinsmen Civic Centre available for the drive-through testing clinic.

“Thank you to Peterborough Public Health, Peterborough Paramedics, and Peterborough Regional Health Centre for working together on behalf of our community to provide another way for people to get tested for COVID-19,” Mayor Diane Therrien said. “Drive-through testing at the City’s Kinsmen Civic Centre property is a convenient, safe way for people to get tested to help stop the spread of COVID-19.”

For more information about COVID-19, please visit [www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca](http://www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca).

Visit Ontario’s [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

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