# Dear Thorold Secondary School Staff & Families

**Subject: Voluntary COVID-19 asymptomatic testing available for staff, students and their families on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.**

We have partnered with LifeLabs, to provide free COVID-19 testing for all staff, students and their family members at **Thorold Secondary School.**

COVID-19 testing is voluntary and only for asymptomatic individuals (those who are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms).

If you have been notified you are a high risk contact of a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 please continue to follow public health advice and seek testing through [Niagara Health](https://www.niagarahealth.on.ca/site/assessmentcentres) assessment centers on day 10 of your isolation period or sooner if you become symptomatic.

 If you are interested in participating, testing will be available on the following date:

* **Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021**
* **Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
* **Location: Thorold Secondary School -** Signs indicating the testing location within the school (Gym) will be on the front door of the school.

Asymptomatic testing is an important layer of protection that helps to track and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Increased testing may also help to reduce stress and anxiety related to the virus by identifying cases early and avoiding outbreaks.

**Drop in when you can:**

Participants are able to walk-in to the location during the allocated testing time.

*\*Please note: LifeLabs has indicated that their pre-registration system is not available this week and this location will be drop-in only.*

**Our Goal = less discomfort!**

The test process is very simple and safe and the collection site will be staffed by professionals who will be following a multitude of safety parameters. LifeLabs uses a swab similar to a Q-tip that is inserted into the front part of the nostril and rotated for fifteen seconds (per nostril). After the sample is collected, the test results will then be available within 24-48 hours on LifeLabs WorkClear Thrive application. If an OHIP number has been provided at the time of check-in/registration results will also be uploaded to covid19results.ehealthontario.ca.

More information about the LifeLabs EDU Targeted Testing program <https://www.lifelabs.com/covid-19-updates/covid19-pcr-testing-for-schools/>

FAQs: <https://lifelabs.azureedge.net/lifelabs-wp-cdn/2021/02/LifeLabs-Testing-in-Schools-FAQ-for-Parents-Registration.pdf>