



Department of Families

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILIES CIRCULAR

Date: February 28, 2022

CIRCULAR NUMBER: COVID-19 2021-01r(5) *Revised information is in bold*

To: Early Learning and Child Care centres, nursery schools and family/group child care homes; and Child Development Specialists/Workers and Autism Applied Behavior Analysis Tutors/Consultants

Subject: Fast Pass rapid testing program

Type: Policy

Procedure

Effective Date: Immediately

Fast Pass rapid testing sites offer a dedicated testing stream for individuals working directly with children in licensed child care and schools. In most cases, Fast Pass clients will be able to access their test result on the same day of receiving a test. There are three Fast Pass locations in Manitoba: 1175 18th Street, Brandon; 1066 Nairn Avenue, Winnipeg; and 485 George Avenue, Winkler.

Effective immediately, Fast Pass PCR testing will only be provided if medically indicated, in line with eligibility criteria for all Manitobans. For information on eligibility for PCR testing, see: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/testing-eligibility.html#pcr.

In addition to being medically eligible, in order to access testing at a Fast Pass site, individuals must:

- work in a licensed child care centre, nursery school or family/group child care home located in Manitoba, as well as Child Development Specialists/Workers and Autism Applied Behavior Analysis Tutors/Consultants.
- show identification and proof of eligibility at the time of appointment
 - the ELCC Program has provided a proof of employer letter template for eligible centre-based facilities and a form on government letterhead for eligible family/group child care homes to complete as proof of eligibility.
 - the Children's disABILITY Services program has provided a proof of employer letter template for eligible child development or Autism staff to complete as proof of eligibility.

Some sites require that appointments be booked ahead of time; for further information, including hours of operation, see: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/locations.html.

Please note, Fast Pass testing will no longer be available as of March 15, 2022. A list of locations and information on how to make a testing appointment can be found at: www.manitoba.ca/covid19/testing/locations.html.

Additional information

- Information on eligibility for testing at provincial testing sites is available at: www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/testing/testing-eligibility.html.
- For information about isolation requirements, see circular [2022-03r Public Health Direction – Self-Isolation \(Quarantine\) Requirements and Exemptions](#).
- Service providers are encouraged to visit the Department of Families COVID-19 Notices and Circulars page on a regular basis for updates: www.gov.mb.ca/fs/covid-circulars.html.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.