

Information about COVID-19 Testing in PEI

How do I decide if I should be tested?

If you develop COVID-19 symptoms, including *new onset fever, new or worsening cough, sore throat, runny nose, sneezing, congestion or unusual fatigue* you should call your family physician or nurse practitioner or go to a drop-in clinic (listed above). If you do not have a family physician or nurse practitioner or are unable to reach them, call 8-1-1.

Where can I get tested?

Testing can be done at either scheduled or drop-in clinics.

Scheduled clinics

Scheduled clinics are offered in Charlottetown at 64 Park Street and in Summerside in Slemon Park. To access testing, you must call your family doctor or nurse practitioner for a referral, or call 8-1-1. If a test is required, you will be given a scheduled time to attend and instructions to follow.

No-appointment drop-in clinics

Drop-in testing sites are available in locations across PEI to provide fast, accessible testing for anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. No referral necessary.

Charlottetown Testing Clinic (64 Park Street)

Monday to Sunday: 8am to 4pm

When your test results are available:

The QEH Health Records Department will send you the results by email as a PDF document.

If you experience delays in receiving your results, please contact the QEH Health Records Department at (902)894-0257 or by fax at (902)894-2498.

(PEI's testing guidelines will be reviewed on a weekly basis.)

PSB Message to Parents

Staying home when ill

Whether it is cold, flu, pink eye, coronavirus or other illness, students should stay home if they are ill so that illness is not spread through schools and workplaces.

A negative COVID test does not mean an individual is ready to go back to school.

If a student has tested negative for COVID-19 but still displays mild symptoms, please consider the following:

Students **should not** return to school:

- if they have on-going fever or chills
- if symptoms are not improving or there are new symptoms

Students **could** return to school or work:

if they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, e.g. Tylenol

- if they have a runny nose, congestion, or other mild symptoms they can return to school provided they are well enough to engage in learning or their job
- if mild symptoms are improving and there are no new symptoms
- if they continue to practice good hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette (e.g. cough or sneeze into your arm or a tissue)