

# Expedited COVID-19 Testing Results Pathway for Health Care Staff & Physicians (Health Care Workers)

An expedited COVID-19 testing results pathway is now available to all health care staff and physicians working within Southern Health-Santé Sud. The purpose of this pathway is to provide expedited testing results for health care workers who meet the following criteria:

- Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 presenting while at work.
- Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 presenting at home, within 48 hours of your last worked shift.
- Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 presenting at home, when not working but scheduled to work within the next 3 – 5 days.

## What you Need to Know

- Expedited COVID-19 testing is available at three Southern Health-Santé Sud test sites only (see listing below). If a health care worker is swabbed at a testing site other than the three specific test sites, the expedited pathway will be affected with delays incurred due to transportation logistics.
- To be tested, you must make an appointment by calling the provincial testing site booking line at 1-855-268-4318 between 6:00 am – 8:00 pm, 7 days/week, or [book online](#).
- See next section on how to access expedited COVID-19 testing in the context of developing symptoms 'while at work' or 'while at home'.
- Through the expedited process, test samples for health care workers will be identified as such.
- Following testing, results will be available via the on-line portal, which you are expected to monitor. A handout will be provided at the testing site on how to access the portal.
- Once results are received, please inform your supervisor/manager and IP&C immediately if your test is positive.
- Regardless of your test results, your local IP&C or designate for occupational health screening must provide clearance prior to your return to work.



Scan QR code above for online portal to book appointment or monitor results.

## Process for Accessing the Expedited COVID-19 Testing Results Pathway

### 1. If You Develop Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 While at Work, During Regular Test Site Hours.

- Inform your supervisor/manager and IP&C immediately to let them know that you have symptoms.
- Leave the building immediately, wearing a surgical mask and begin self-isolation at home.
- Call the provincial testing site booking line at 1-855-268-4318 between 6:00 am – 8:00 pm, 7 days/week, or [book online](#) as soon as possible.
- Report to the COVID-19 regional test site wearing a mask and with your Manitoba Health card.
- When presenting at the site, inform them that you are health care worker and developed symptoms while at work and require expedited testing. The goal is to be tested as soon as possible.
- Proceed directly to your home for isolation upon completion of your nasopharyngeal swab.
- Monitor for your results on the on-line portal. (See QR code above; you will also be provided handout information on how to access portal at your testing appointment.)
- Contact IP&C or designate with your results (positive or negative) and receive advice or clearance to return to work.

## 2. Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19 Presenting while at Home

a) When scheduled to work within the next 3 - 5 days or during testing site off-hours; **OR**

b) If symptoms develop within 48 hours of your last shift.

- Inform your supervisor/manager and IP&C immediately to let them know that you are at home and that you have developed symptoms. It is important that you share your COVID-19 status, where symptoms began within 48 hours of your last worked shift, or when you are expected to be at work. The goal is to be tested as soon as possible.
- Call the provincial testing site booking line at 1-855-268-4318 between 6:00 am - 8:00 pm (open 7 days/week) or [book online](#) as soon as possible.
- Report to the COVID-19 regional test site wearing a mask and with your Manitoba Health card.
- When presenting at the site, inform them that you are health care worker and developed symptoms while at work and require expedited testing. The goal is to be tested as soon as possible.
- When identifying that you are a health care worker, inform the test site that you have developed symptoms within 48 hrs of your last worked shift and when you are expected to report to work (you must be scheduled within the next 3-5 days to be eligible for the expedited COVID-19 testing results pathway).
- Proceed directly to your home for isolation upon completion of your nasopharyngeal swab.
- Monitor for your results on the on-line portal. (See QR code above; you will also be provided handout information on how to access portal at your testing appointment.)
- Contact IP&C or designate with your results (positive or negative) and receive advice or clearance to return to work.

### Regional Test Locations for Expedited Testing (expedited pathway will be affected if testing in other locations)

Test Site Locations	Hours of Operation
<b>Portage la Prairie Community Testing Site</b> <i>Portage Ave and 5th St SE</i> <i>Portage la Prairie, MB</i>	Monday - Friday 8:15am to 8:45pm  Saturday and Sunday 8:15am to 3:30pm  By appointment only <b>*Open Evenings, Weekends and Holidays</b>
<b>Steinbach Community Testing Site</b> <i>Located in the parking lot between the Community Services Building (365 Reimer Ave) and the Healing Garden.</i>	Monday - Sunday (7days/week) 8:45am to 3:40pm  By appointment only <b>*Open Weekends &amp; Holidays</b>
<b>Winkler Community Testing Site</b> <i>Southland Mall</i> <i>R08B-777 Norquay Drive</i> <i>Winkler, MB</i>	Monday - Sunday (7days/week) 8:45am to 4:00pm  By appointment only <b>*Open Weekends &amp; Holidays</b>

*NB: While it is ideal for staff and physicians to present at the above-noted regional Covid-19 Testing Sites, staff tested at the smaller sites within the region will have their swab transported to the regional hub site utilizing the regional courier service, with expected delays due to transportation logistics.*