

MEMORANDUM TO: All Chiefs of Police and
Commissioner Thomas Carrique
Chairs, Police Services Boards

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SUBJECT: Provincial Antigen Screening Program

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As of May 7, 2021 emergency services, including police and fire services, looking to provide COVID-19 screening at their workplace can apply to receive free rapid antigen tests through the [Ontario Together website](#).

The *COVID-19 Testing for Organizations* page provides a 'one-stop shop' for organizations to apply for rapid antigen test kits through the Provincial Antigen Screening Program. The website helps organizations determine their eligibility for free tests, then intakes them into the program, providing all the necessary guidance and information about how to order tests and set up a screening clinic on-site.

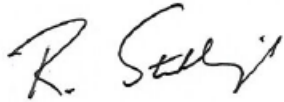
Through the Provincial Antigen Screening Program, the Government of Ontario provides free rapid antigen tests to high-risk communities, in-scope organizations and essential workplaces.

Centralizing the process to access rapid antigen tests through the Ontario Together website has been led by the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with Ontario Digital Services, Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, Ministry of Economic Development Job Creation and Trade, and Government Services Integration Cluster.

The Ministry of Health also provides rapid antigen tests to support additional antigen test distribution channels, including through Chambers of Commerce and the Creative Destruction Lab Rapid Screening Consortium.

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, the Ministry of Health will continue to support more sectors in accessing rapid antigen tests. For further information about the Provincial Antigen Screening Program, including recent changes to the testing landscape that are intended to further reduce implementation barriers and links to provincial guidelines, please refer to the attached information documents prepared by the Ministry of Health, or visit the program [website](#).

Sincerely,

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Attachments

c: Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
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