

Eastern Health Closes COVID-19 Testing Clinic in Mount Pearl

March 17, 2021 – St. John’s, NL: Eastern Health advises that it is closing the temporary drive-through testing clinic for COVID-19 at the Reid Community Centre, 126 Smallwood Drive in Mount Pearl. The clinic at the Reid Centre was opened temporarily to meet the demand resulting from the surge of cases in the metro area.

Eastern Health is able to address the current volume of requests for testing at its existing testing sites located at the Janeway Children’s Health and Rehabilitation Centre and the Waterford Hospital, thereby eliminating the need for an additional testing site at the Reid Centre. If there is another surge, the Reid Centre site can be ramped up quickly, if needed. This consolidated approach also frees up staff to redeploy to other areas of the organization to best meet patient needs.

The public should continue to complete the online self-assessment if they are experiencing any [respiratory symptoms](#). The online self-assessment can be found at www.811healthline.ca and should be completed before calling the 811 NL Health Line. Based on advice from 811, individuals may then be scheduled for an appointment at the respiratory assessment clinic, or at a COVID-19 testing site.

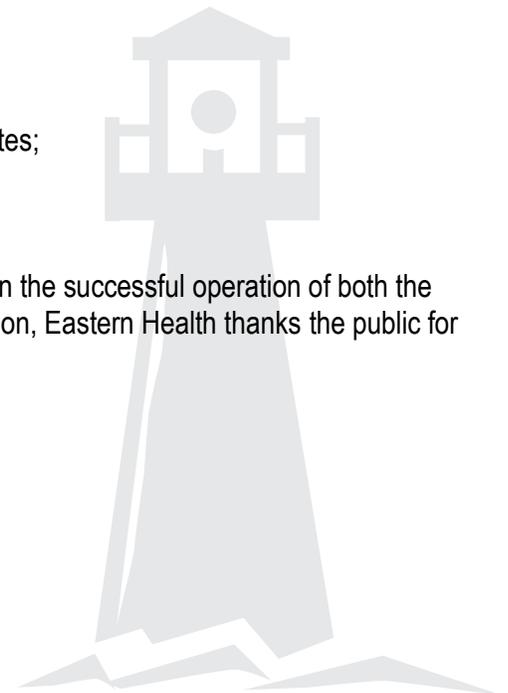
Eastern Health reminds the public of the importance of good infection prevention and control practices. Everyday preventive actions that can help to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses like COVID-19 include:

- Stay informed, be prepared and follow Public Health advice;
- Wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds;
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer in the absence of soap and water;
- Do not touch your face;
- Practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette;
- Wear a non-medical mask in public indoor spaces;
- Maintain physical distancing;
- Increase cleanliness and ventilation of public spaces and worksites;
- Work from home, if possible; and,
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid contact with others.

Eastern Health would like to thank community partners for their support in the successful operation of both the Mount Pearl Senior High School and Reid Centre testing clinics. In addition, Eastern Health thanks the public for their co-operation across the region.

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