

Office of the Superintendent

Deb Whitten – Interim Superintendent

Monday, February 28, 2022

RE: Rapid Antigen At-Home Tests

Dear Families:

Thank you for all of your support through the challenges of the pandemic. We have received information from the Ministry of Education that each student in public, independent and First Nations K-12 schools is being provided with a box of five Artron rapid antigen at-home tests distributed through their school.

The information below on when and how to use the tests is summarized from [BCCDC](#).

When to Use the Test

These tests are intended for students in K-12 schools. **They should only be used when the student has symptoms of COVID-19.**

If a person in your household finds it hard to breathe, has chest pain, can't drink anything, feels very sick, and/or feel confused, contact your health care provider right away, or go to your local emergency department or call 9-1-1.

Do not give your child a rapid COVID-19 test if they do not have symptoms of illness.

Test instructions are included in the box, and also [here](#). Test instructions are available online in [ASL](#), [Arabic](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Traditional Chinese](#), [Farsi](#), [French](#), [Korean](#), [Punjabi](#), [Spanish](#), [Vietnamese](#) and [Tigrinya](#).

Test Results

If the result is positive, it means your child likely has COVID-19.

Use information from BCCDC to [understand the test results](#), including what actions your child should take. [Complete an online form to report their test result](#) to public health and notify your school that their absence is due to illness.

If the result is negative, your child may return to school when they feel well enough to return to regular activities. Notify your school that their absence is due to illness.

Visit [BCCDC](#) for up-to-date information on COVID-19.

Sincerely,



Deb Whitten, Interim Superintendent of Schools

The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.