



COVID-19 Rapid Screening Information

Dear JICS families,

As we have communicated in the Parent Information Post, the JICS Lab School is participating in the [Rapid Screening Consortium through the Creative Destruction Lab](#). This program adds an additional layer of protection to our school community members in addition to other preventative measures, such as hand hygiene, distancing, and mandatory vaccines for those who are eligible, and it adheres to our public purpose to be a research-based school that explores best practises in order to improve public school education.

The Rapid Screening Program will be **mandatory** for all unvaccinated students and all staff.

Prior to reading, please watch this [video message from Richard](#)

What type of test is this?

- These are rapid antigen screens, which consist of anterior nasal swabs. They are minimally invasive as they only enter 2 cm into the nasal passages, easy to conduct and results are visible within 15 minutes.

How accurate are these tests? What about the variants (e.g. Delta)?

- The rapid antigen screens are less sensitive than a more invasive diagnostic PCR test; however, they are an indicator of infectiousness for asymptomatic individuals and an additional layer of protection in school settings. By increasing the frequency of the tests the [sensitivity of the tests](#) increases, which is the basis of this program.

How long does the test take?

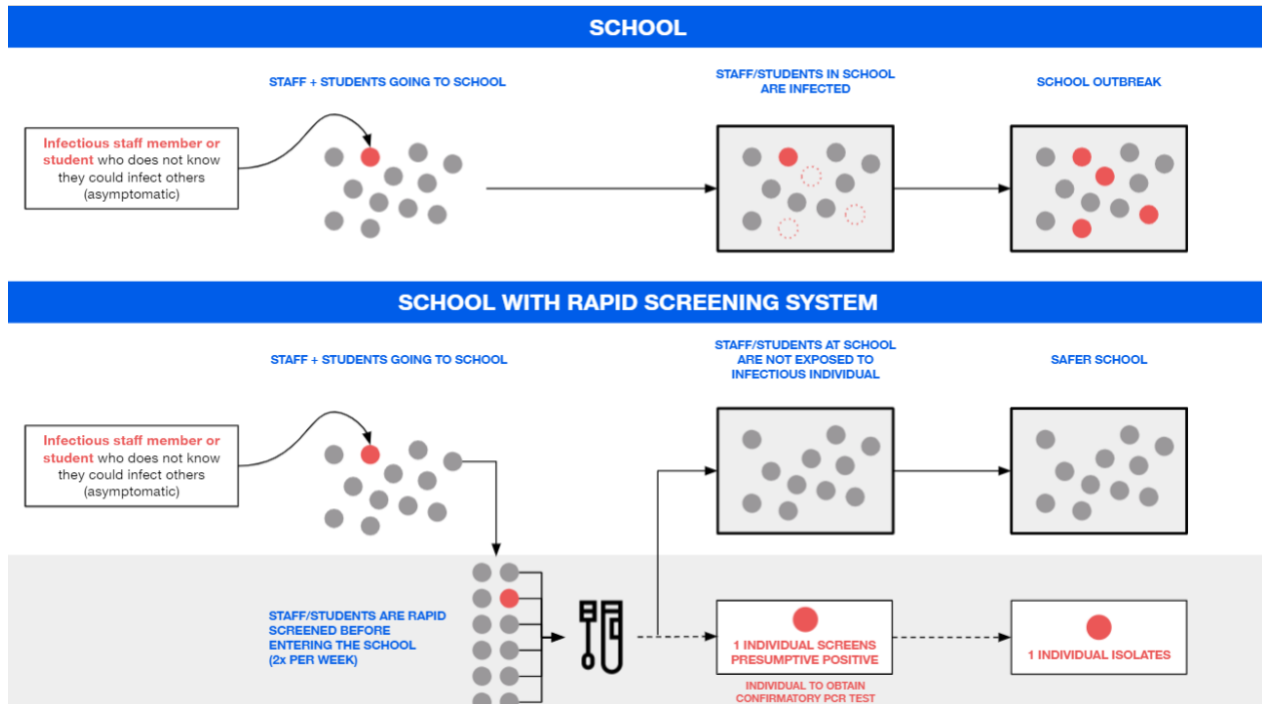
- Approximately 90 seconds to perform the test, and 15 minutes to wait for the results.

Why is JICS mandating this program?

- **Health and Safety**
 - JICS has joined this program to understand more about the virus and protect our safety to the greatest extent possible.
- **Knowledge and Comfort**
 - The rapid screening program will provide an additional layer of knowledge and comfort for our families and staff in the building.
 - Personal data submitted through Thrive Health is de-identified and sent to the Ontario Government for their ongoing research on COVID-19.
- **Stopping the spread**
 - Early detection of infectiousness is key to implementing protocols in a timely manner and halting the spread of COVID-19 to support the reopening of the Canadian economy.
- **Pedagogical Reasons**
 - Rapid testing provides us with the confidence to provide learning environments which allow children to learn collaboratively, playing and constructing knowledge together instead of having children sit separated from each other.

How does rapid screening work?

- A rapid testing program is an effective way to remove asymptomatic yet infectious individuals (staff/students) from the school.



When will we get the kits? When do we start screening?

- Teachers will distribute one box (25 kits) to each child on Thursday, September 23, 2021. The first evening to screen is Sunday, September 26, 2021.

Will this hurt my child?

- No, the swab only enters 2 cm into the nasal cavity. According to Emily, age 5 (in the CDL RSC instructional video), "it tickles a little bit".

What if my child's screening result is presumptive positive?

- Please have your child stay home from school, isolate and go through your local public health channels to bring your child for a confirmatory PCR test.

What if the screening result is inconclusive?

- Please have your child repeat the screening test at your earliest convenience.

If my child has a symptom, can I use the rapid screening to check for COVID?

- No. Rapid screening kits cannot be used on an individual who has a COVID symptom. If your child has a symptom, keep your child home, isolate, get a PCR test or contact a health care provider.

When/Where/How?

- Twice a week: **Sunday** evening and **Wednesday** evening
- **At home**
- Parents will assist the child to complete the test following the instructions below (“**Instructions for testing**”) and upload a photo of the results to the child’s account on <https://my.thrive.health>
- Participants in the Rapid Screening Program are required to commit to 12 weeks at a time. All rapid screens are completed at home and take approximately 15 minutes. A sufficient number of rapid screens will be given to participants every four weeks (delivered by classroom teachers).
- Once the rapid screen is complete, participants upload the results of each screen to the online platform, Thrive Health. Thrive then de-identifies the personal data and sends it to the Ontario Government for their ongoing research.

How is my information stored?

- All of the information is hosted by Thrive health on secure servers located in Canada. All personal information is stripped before being sent to CDL RSC, and the de-identified data is then sent weekly to the provinces and Health Canada on your behalf. The employer dashboard is visible only by those with administrator permissions.

Setting Up Your Account

1. You have received an email invitation from contact@thrive.health with your child’s name in the invitation.
2. Select the blue **Get Started** button in the email which will take you to the my.thrive.health website to create an account
3. **Confirm** that you wish to connect the account with the school and agree to the **CDL Rapid Screening Consortium Privacy Notice and Consent**.
4. Verify the identity of your child by entering the child’s date of birth
5. Select **+ Create a new profile** and your child’s information will be auto-populated
6. Confirm the details of your child and press submit
7. Indicate your relationship to the child
8. On the next screen, fill in your personal details and press submit
9. You will now have the ability to enter test results or self-assessment results on behalf of your child. Your homepage will look like the following:



 Home

 Care Network

 More

Hello Parent

Next Steps



COVID-19 Health Centre

Access COVID-19 tools and resources



Appointment Centre

Manage upcoming and past appointments or book a new appointment



Received your Home Collection test kit? Report your test result.

Suggested on August 27, 2021



Complete COVID-19 Self-Assessment

Suggested on August 27, 2021 • RSS Education (Demo)



10. **NOTE: If you have multiple children**, you must accept the invite on behalf of each child (using the link in each individual email) and then create a new profile for the second child.

11. Step-by-step instructions can be found here:

<https://support.thrive.health/hc/articles/4407276625815>

Instructions for testing:

- **COMPLETING THE TEST:** The actual process of completing a rapid screen is quite simple and much less invasive than COVID-19 PCR tests. Please see this short training video that shows a 5 year-old girl administering the screen herself (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5ZzZMAbk9w>)
- **UPLOADING THE RESULTS:** <https://support.thrive.health/hc/en-us/articles/4402831136023-How-to-report-a-Self-Administered-COVID-19-Rapid-Screening-Test>

What if I have additional questions?

- Please contact Richard Messina, JICS Lab School Principal, richard.messina@utoronto.ca

Thank you for your help!