

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Eastern Health Opens Temporary Drive-Through Clinic at the Reid Community Centre in Mount Pearl

February 15, 2021 – St. John's, NL: Eastern Health advises that it has opened a temporary drive-through COVID-19 testing clinic at the Reid Community Centre, 126 Smallwood Drive in Mount Pearl. This testing clinic, which is by appointment only, will help address the increased demand for testing and reduce wait times for individuals who are required to get a COVID-19 swab. This clinic is in addition to the clinics already in operation at Mount Pearl Senior High School, the Janeway Children's Health and Rehabilitation Centre and the Waterford Hospital.

Individuals will remain in their vehicles while testing is complete. The public should continue to complete the online self-assessment if they are experiencing any <u>respiratory symptoms</u>. The online self-assessment can be found at <u>www.811healthline.ca</u> 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.

To ensure the privacy of any individuals who attend the drive-through clinics, individuals are asked not to take photos, videotape or film at the clinics.

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:

- Wearing a mask when in public spaces.
- Washing your hands often.
- Avoiding contact with people who are sick.
- Practice proper cough and sneeze etiquette. Cover your mouth and nose with your arm when coughing and sneezing and immediately dispose of used tissues in the trash.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Practice physical distancing.

Eastern Health would like to thank the public for their co-operation during this time.

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