

Dear Parents/Guardians/Staff,

As the case activity continues to rise within the Yukon, the Government of Yukon has announced they will be expanding the availability of take-home, self-administered rapid antigen COVID-19 tests to schools and communities throughout the Yukon. Through this expansion, schools can now provide students and staff with test kits to take home.

If a rapid test freezes, it can't be used. This means we can't send the test kits home in students' backpacks. A parent or guardian will need to come to the school to pick the kit up.

Rapid tests in communities

Most rural schools (except Old Crow, Destruction Bay, and Beaver Creek) have now received their shipment of test kits. You can pick up your child's test kit during regular school hours. Staff can take their test kit home with them. If you are not able to make it to your child's school, tests will also be available at territorial agent buildings within their regular business hours.

A full list of locations where rapid tests are available is on Yukon.ca.

Rapid tests in Whitehorse

Whitehorse-based schools will be receiving rapid test deliveries today and tomorrow. In the meantime, if you or a member in your household are symptomatic, the Takhini Arena drive-thru will continue to provide rapid tests to Yukoners. PCR tests are available to people who meet the [outlined criteria](#).

For more information on rapid testing in the Yukon, visit Yukon.ca for more information.

Sincerely,

Ryan Sikkes
Assistant Deputy Minister, Schools and Student Services
Department of Education