

Frequently Asked Questions about at-home rapid antigen screening

What is rapid antigen screening?

Rapid antigen screening is an examination tool to help detect the presence of the COVID-19 virus. Rapid screening is a convenient and effective way to detect the presence of COVID-19 in people who do not have any symptoms of the virus.

This screening does not replace the lab-based polymerase chain reaction (PCR) diagnostic testing administered through public health.

Who must participate?

You must participate in the rapid screening program if you are not fully vaccinated (i.e., partially vaccinated but not yet 14 days past your second or final shot) or have an approved vaccination exemption.

Once you are fully vaccinated, you no longer need to complete regular rapid tests. You must submit your proof of vaccinations to be removed from rapid testing. The requirement to participate in rapid screening may change in accordance with public health guidance.

How will the rapid antigen screening work?

Anyone taking part in the program will undergo twice-weekly, at-home COVID-19 rapid antigen screening and results will be provided within 15 minutes of sample collection. [This link](#) contains clear instructions for securely uploading results can be found at Reporting a self-test result.

Where do I pick up my screening kit?

Rapid Antigen Screen Kits will be available at 222 St. Patrick.

Please use this [online booking system](#) to schedule a pick-up date and time. Kits will be available Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from the front desk.

What is included in a screening kit?

Each kit contains 10 screens and instructions for how to self-administer them. Anyone needing additional kits may request more through rapidtesting@michener.ca

What type of rapid antigen screen is being provided?

Michener will be distributing the Abbott Panbio Covid-19 Rapid Antigen Nasal Test for at-home, self-administered screening with results uploaded to CDL RSC Standard app powered by Thrive Health.



When does screening take place?

Screening should take place at home, prior to coming to campus or to your clinical placement site. Screenings must be done twice per week and must be done 48 hours prior to coming on campus.

Are there instructions on how to complete a self-screening?

Each kit includes [instructions for how to self-administer the test](#) or you can watch [this video](#). If you watch the video, you will see a difference that Michener has prefilled the vials.

How long do results take?

The self-screening process takes less than five minutes to administer and 15 minutes to obtain results.

How will screening results be reported?

All screening results must be self-reported using the [Thrive Health app](#). You will be asked to indicate if the screen was positive or negative and to upload a photographic image of the completed test.

Visit [this link](#) for questions related to Thrive Health app.

Do I need to register for a Thrive Health account?

Yes. You will be emailed instructions.

How will my results submitted on Thrive Health be used?

Student or employee personal information will not be disclosed or shared for any reason, except for Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) purposes in the event of a presumed positive case. A designated staff member will follow-up with the individual to ensure public health guidelines are being followed.

How do I read and submit my test results?

[This link](#) contains information on how to read and submit your test results.

What do I do with my results?

1. Log into [my.thrive.health](#) and follow the instructions to report your self-administered rapid antigen screening test results.
2. If your screening is negative, you must still follow guidelines on campus such as the requirement to wear a face mask, proper handwashing, social distancing and participate in screening.
3. If you receive an inconclusive result, complete another screen.

What if I have a presumptive positive or positive result?

If you screen presumptive positive and you are a student:

1. Self-Isolate and book a COVID-19 PCR test immediately (day of or as soon as possible). Information about where you can book this test can be found [here](#).
2. Contact Michener's Health Services at HealthServices@Michener.ca and let them know about your presumptive positive results.
3. If your PCR test is negative, isolate until 24hrs after symptoms resolve for respiratory and 48hrs for gastrointestinal.
4. If your PCR test is positive, you are required to notify HealthServices@Michener.ca immediately and continue to isolate following public health direction.

If you screen presumptive positive and are an employee:

1. Self-Isolate and book a COVID-19 PCR test immediately (day of or as soon as possible). Information about where you can book this test can be found [here](#).
2. Notify your immediate supervisor that you need to self-isolate and contact UHN Health Services using [this link](#) and let them know about your presumptive positive results.
3. If your COVID-19 PCR test is negative, isolate until 24hrs after symptoms resolve for respiratory and 48hrs for gastrointestinal.
4. If your COVID-19 PCR test is positive, you are required to notify your immediate supervisor of your ongoing need to self-isolate and contact UHN Health Services using [this link](#) and let them know about your positive results.

What is the cost to individuals participating in rapid screening?

There is currently no direct cost for those participating in the rapid screening initiative. The rapid screening kits are currently provided by the provincial Ministry of Health.

How should rapid screening kits be stored?

Kits need to be kept between 2 C and 30 C and out of direct sunlight in accordance with the [Provincial Antigen-Screen Program](#).

When do the rapid screening kits expire?

The rapid screening kits being provided have extended expiry dates by six months to dates listed on the labels of the kit items.

I am not vaccinated, and I do not have an approved exemption from the vaccine. Can I still participate in the rapid antigen testing to come to campus?

No. The only individuals permitted on campus are:

- Those who are fully vaccinated;
- Those who are partially vaccinated and participate in the antigen screening until two weeks after their second dose; and



- Those who have an approved exemption and continue to participate in the rapid antigen screening program on an ongoing basis.

How will Michener ensure the rapid antigen screening program is being enforced?

Compliance will be monitored to ensure individuals who are required to conduct rapid antigen screening are uploading their results on schedule. A representative from the Student Success Network or Human Resources will follow up with students, employees and their supervisor as required.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Staff: For questions about the in-home rapid antigen screening program, email rapidtesting@michener.ca.

Students: For questions about the in-home rapid antigen screening program, email rapidtesting@michener.ca.

Visit [this link](#) for questions related to Thrive Health app.