

**For immediate release**  
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**Statement**

### **Providing Rapid Covid 19 Tests to KFL&A Businesses Opens Monday**

**(Napanee Chamber, May 7, 2021)** – The Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce is wanting local business in Lennox and Addington to know of the Rapid Covid 19 tests available to them. In partnership with the federal and provincial governments, our neighbouring Chamber, The Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce has acquired an initial shipment of 50,000 rapid COVID-19 test kits for distribution to local businesses.

“Bringing rapid-antigen screening kits to business owners in need will support our local members and other business owners dealing with these difficult circumstances. It's quick, it's easy, and best of all, it's completely free” said Ken Shurtliffe, Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce Board President. “These tests offer one more tool in their arsenal to help them protect their customers and employees while continuing to operate their businesses.”

Kits will be available at no charge to all businesses in the Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox, and Addington area starting Monday May 10th, with each business able to pick up a two-week supply allowing two tests per week per employee at a time. Participating businesses will be required to track and report all results weekly to the Greater Kingston Chamber, and those results will be shared with the Ontario and federal Ministries of Health. Businesses are also required to report positive or inconclusive cases to Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington Public Health. The distribution centre for the test kits will be located at the Alliance Business Centre, 299 Concession Street in Kingston. The centre will be operated between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday to Thursday, though pick-ups will be by appointment only.

The rapid antigen detection (RAD) tests provide results in as little as 15 minutes and can be used by non-medical personnel. These tests are 90 percent accurate and can be used to help identify COVID cases quickly, ensuring the business can best protect their employees and customers safely in the event of a COVID case in their workplace.

“With KFL&A area workplaces experiencing a surge in cases, the timing and availability of these asymptomatic testing kits could not be better,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Medical Officer of Health at KFL&A Public Health. “I hope workplaces will take advantage of these kits to keep their staff healthy and safe.”

For more information and to book your appointment, visit [chamberscreening.ca](https://chamberscreening.ca).

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#### **About the Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce**

As a member driven organization for the past 25 years, the Napanee & District Chamber of Commerce works on behalf of businesses to create valuable programs and events that help to grow their networks, advocate for public policy, work with partners to assist with economic development efforts, and support individual members on a variety of issues. As a member of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC), this local chapter gives local businesses a voice and helps address issues facing these establishments.