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Dryden Ontario

DRYDEN REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE OPENS COVID-19 ASSESSMENT CENTRE

In response to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic, Dryden Regional Health Centre is opening a COVID-19 Assessment Centre.

Dryden Regional Health Centre's COVID-19 Assessment Centre is dedicated for individuals experiencing possible symptoms of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The DRHC COVID-19 Assessment Centre is **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**.
For safety reasons, **"walk-in" appointments are strictly prohibited**.

DRHC COVID-19 Assessment Centre

Location:	Dingwall Medical Clinic Building (40 Goodall Street)
Entrance:	First exterior entrance on the left (old Hearing Centre) Entrance is marked. DO NOT ENTER THE DINGWALL MEDICAL CLINIC.
Hours:	Open Monday to Friday 8 a.m. – 4p.m. by appointment only* * Hours of assessment operation may change, as required.

What are symptoms of COVID-19:

- fever greater than 38 degrees Celsius
- new or worsening cough, sore throat, headache, muscle/joint aches and fatigue
- shortness of breath

How to access the DRHC COVID-19 Assessment Centre:

1. It is recommended you complete the Ministry online assessment tool at www.ontario.ca .
2. Please contact the **Northwestern Health Unit COVID-19 HOTLINE 1-866-468-2240** so they may determine if you require an appointment at the DRHC Assessment Centre.
3. If you require an appointment, the Northwestern Health Unit will contact the DRHC Assessment Centre to identify your need for an appointment.
4. The DRHC Assessment Centre will then contact you to schedule the appointment.
5. Once you arrive, please read the instructions posted, and ensure you follow them.

What will happen at the DRHC COVID-19 Assessment Centre:

- You will be required to wear a disposable mask provided by the nurse and use hand sanitizer when entering the facility.
- You are to attend your scheduled appointment alone; except one adult may accompany a child, frail elderly, person with disability, or an individual acting as an interpreter.
- You will be asked for your OHIP card.
- You will be screened for symptoms, travel and contact history.
- Nurses will assess vital signs, such as temperature and blood pressure.
- Screening will determine if you require a nose swab.
- Not everyone who attends the clinic will be swabbed.
- The Northwestern Health Unit will follow up with you after your results are received and ensure that any further direction/instruction is provided to you.

For further information, please contact:

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