*NEW: New testing guidance for international travellers

Following new testing guidance from the Ministry of Health, the Clarence-Rockland Family Health Team's COVID assessment centre will no longer accommodate testing for the purpose of pre-travel clearance. This guidance applies to all assessment centres in the province and comes into effect Friday, December 11, 2020.

COVID-19 tests for the purpose of international travel clearance are not recommended by Ontario's public health experts. Travellers should consult their travel carrier's guidelines to ensure they have the most up-to-date information about requirements. Travellers should also refer to the federal government's <u>travel website</u> for up-to-date expectations and requirements related to their destination. If a COVID-19 test is required, it is important to ensure ample time for testing and to receive results.

COVID-19 testing services are available by private laboratory providers for a fee, and travellers in need of a test are encouraged to search for convenient local options.

The Taskforce and its partners recognize the impact of this new guidance, especially as we approach the holiday season. To keep our community safe, our assessment centre follows all guidelines mandated by the provincial government and public health experts.