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Rapid antigen tests:

To support the safe return of students after the winter break, the Ministry of Education, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Ontario Chief Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS), have provided public schools with rapid antigen screening kits for students in Ontario. Each student will have the opportunity to receive a BTNX rapid antigen screening kit that contains five tests. These test kits will support **voluntary** screening at home, prior to students' return to the classroom in January 2022.

Today, Governor Simcoe distributed kits to students during Period 1. Students who have a spare Period 1 can come to the guidance office to pick theirs up. Any student who missed the opportunity to pick their kit up, are welcome to come to the office to receive it this week.

The following link will outline Instructions on how to use the tests in the kit:

["How to test yourself with BTNX Rapid Response Covid-19 Rapid Antigen Test at Home"](#)

OR see the attached PDF.

It is recommended for students to conduct rapid antigen tests every 3-4 days over the holiday break (every Monday and Thursday beginning Dec. 23rd, until all five tests have been used). If a student receives a positive test using the rapid antigen screening, they should contact Niagara Region Public Health, isolate, and get a confirmatory PCR test at a local testing site as soon as possible.

Athletics:

Out of an abundance of caution, as COVID cases continue to increase, we are pausing all extra-curricular activities from Monday December 20th to Thursday December 23rd. **This pause will apply to all sports teams, practices, intramural activities, and school clubs.** We hope that you are able to enjoy your holiday break safely and look forward to a return to competitions in January.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

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