



Update – October 9, 2020

Happy Safe Thanksgiving to all!

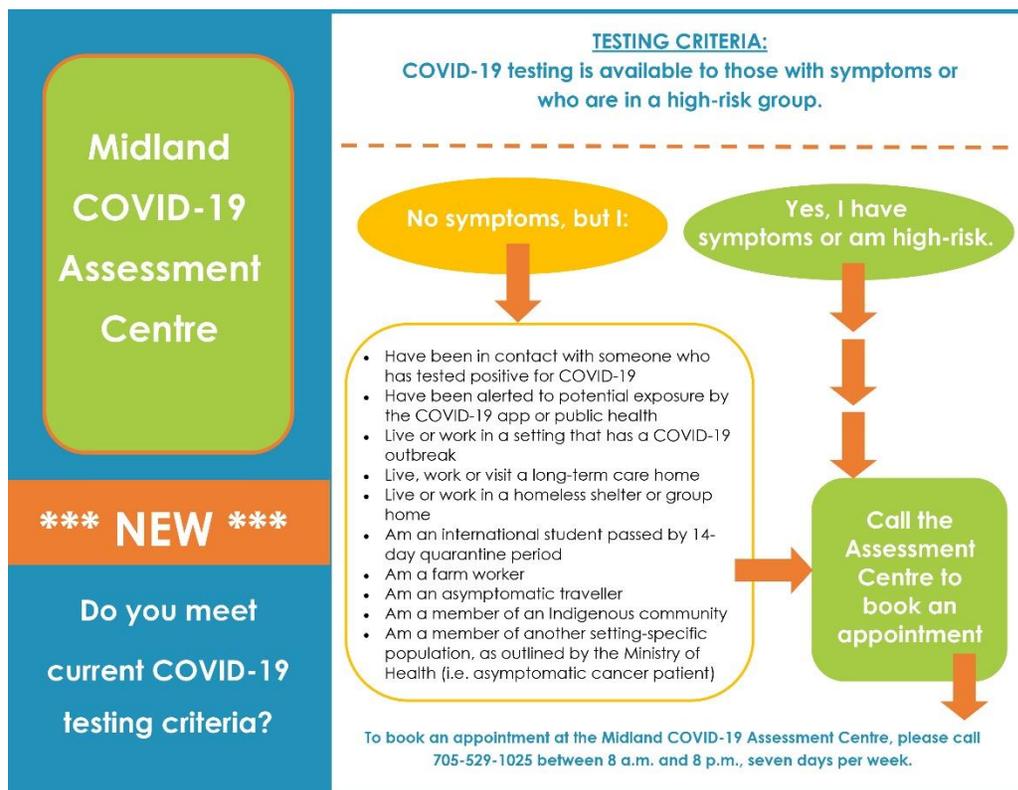
1) SMDHU issues Section 22 Class order

- [A class order under Section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act](#) has been issued by Simcoe Muskoka's Medical Officer of Health (MOH) to enforce COVID-19 self-isolation requirements. The order takes effect October 6, 2020 and remains in effect until the MOH declares it is no longer needed.
- The order applies to any person living or present in the County of Simcoe and District of Muskoka who:
 - is identified as a person diagnosed with COVID-19;
 - has the signs and symptoms of COVID-19, has been tested for COVID-19 and is awaiting the results of their test;
 - otherwise has reasonable grounds to believe they have one or more symptoms of COVID-19; or
 - is a close contact of a person identified as a person diagnosed with COVID-19.
- If you have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, which means being within two metres (6 feet) of that infected person for at least 15 minutes without adequate personal protective equipment (PPE), you must [self-isolate](#) for 14 days even though you don't have symptoms. This is because the COVID-19 incubation period (the period between exposure to an infection and the appearance of the first symptoms) can be up to 14 days. Adequate PPE is using both medical grade surgical/procedural mask and protective eyewear. Cloth face coverings are not adequate PPE.
- Individuals who fail to comply with the order may be liable for a fine of up to \$5,000 for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

For more information see [Fact Sheet for Class Order for Self-Isolation](#)

2) Assessment Centre Testing Criteria

Please be advised of the new testing criteria for being seen at the Midland COVID-19 Assessment Centre:



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For more information on COVID-19 Assessment Centres and Testing, click [here](#).



3) Health Canada approves 1st rapid antigen COVID-19 test, feds plan to buy 20 million

- Health Canada regulators today approved another rapid COVID-19 test — the first antigen device to receive the necessary approvals for use in this country.
- U.S.-based Abbott Laboratories can now sell and distribute the Panbio COVID-19 Ag Rapid Test Device, which can produce results in less than 20 minutes.
- Public Services and Procurement Minister Anita Anand said today the federal government has signed an agreement to buy more than 20.5 million of these tests in the coming weeks. The devices are to be deployed to COVID-19 hotspots as demand for testing spikes and caseloads grow.
- 8.5 million tests will be distributed across Canada by year's end

To read the full CBC article, visit: [Rapid COVID-19 test approved by Health Canada](#)

If you think you may have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has it, first self-isolate and then use [Ontario's Self-Assessment Tool](#) to see if you need to seek further care.

Remember to pre-screen daily when entering any Town building.

Any changes within a department will now be provided to Randy to be included in an update and copied to Clerks@midland.ca for tracking.

We are looking for positive news/stories about Town departments and staff to share both internally and externally. Please email rfee@midland.ca with details so we can promote the great work everyone is doing!