

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Niagara Health's new temporary COVID-19 Assessment Centre opened today for hospitality and tourism staff

Niagara Health's new temporary drive-through COVID-19 Assessment Centre opened this morning, in the parking lot at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, for testing hospitality and tourism employees.

The organization is reminding the public that appointments are required to be tested; the centre cannot accommodate walk-ins or friends and family members of the hospitality and tourism workers at this location.

Appointments can be made directly through the employees' workplace manager or by emailing Anastasia Belashov at Niagara Falls Tourism at abelashov@niagarafallstourism.com. Appointments are being scheduled daily between the following hours: 8 a.m. to noon; 12:35 p.m. to 4:55 p.m.; and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

High patient volumes have caused a recent spike in wait times at the three Assessment Centres in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Welland, sometimes lasting up to two hours for walk-ins. In response, Niagara Health has opened this new temporary centre working with our partners – City of Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls Tourism and the Scotiabank Convention Centre.

The Assessment Centres located in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines are open daily Monday through Sunday and the centre in Welland is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All three centres are open during the following hours on the days of operation: 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Members of the public can book an appointment for testing by calling 905-378-4647 ext. 42819 (4-CV19). These three Assessment Centres will accept walk-ins until 4 p.m.; however, due to high patient volumes the quickest and most efficient way to be tested is to book an appointment in advance.

More information can be found on the Niagara Health website [here](#).

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