



Date: Monday, December 20, 2021

Topic: **Update to parents, guardians, and staff: COVID TEST KITS FOR K-6**

Manitoba has announced plans to make free rapid tests available to students in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Kits have already been distributed to First Nations schools with expanded distribution planned for all other schools early in the new year, based upon kit availability. For Park West, only Waywayseecappo School has received kits to date.

A rapid COVID-19 test can detect COVID-19 in about 15 minutes. Each kit includes five tests, which enables families to test each child every three or four days as students return to school.

The province will be providing additional guidance to support the administration of tests, including how to use the tests and what to do with a positive result.

Test kits will be available on a voluntary basis.

If you are interested in receiving a COVID rapid test kit for your child(ren) in K-6, please complete and return the bottom portion of this form to your school. You may also indicate your interest online https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSey7NtxpcEmzxhZj_GMHEpWtvaMxXdTt_2tWILN0LOISBbQ3A/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Please complete and return to school as soon as possible if you do want to receive COVID test kits:

School: _____

Name of parent(s)/ guardian(s): _____

Name(s) of child(ren) in K-6: _____

Number of test kits needed: _____

By signing below, we request that COVID test kit(s) be sent home for our child(ren) in Kindergarten to Grade 6.

Signature of parent / guardian: _____