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Mobile COVID-19 Testing – Grey County / Public Health Joint Effort

Grey County Paramedic Services, in partnership with the Grey Bruce Health Unit are providing at-home COVID-19 testing for those that meet criteria but are unable to get to their local assessment centre.

Clients wanting this service must call the Grey Bruce Health Unit at 1-800-263-3456 extension 3000 (Monday to Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to undergo screening to ensure eligibility. Once eligibility is determined, a visit will be scheduled to the home to complete the testing. The majority of testing in Grey County will be conducted by the Grey County Paramedic Services. In Bruce County, the Grey Bruce Health Unit will provide testing services.

If an individual is symptomatic and experiencing difficulty breathing, chest pain, feeling confused or losing consciousness this is a medical emergency; call 911 immediately.

Testing for COVID-19 is critical to ensure diagnosis. A positive test result requires contact tracing and that the individual self-isolate to prevent any further spread of the virus while also monitoring their health.

“The Grey County Paramedics performing in-home swabbing for residents is a remarkable initiative. “Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health Dr. Ian Arra. “Their efforts reflect the duty to serve the community, their leadership to better the system, and innovation to provide care to those in need to care, but are unable to attend assessment centers.”

“Grey County Paramedics are happy to be a part of the team in the fight against COVID-19 our community.” says Kevin McNab, Director of Grey County Paramedic Services. “We have the capability to be quickly mobile across the County of Grey to provide testing for individuals who would not be able to attend the assessment centre. I am proud of all our paramedics who have joined the team to provide these very important assessments.”

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“By working together in partnerships with Grey County Paramedic Services during this time of crisis, we can help many more than we could by working in alone,” says Denna Leach, Manager for Infectious Diseases Program at the Grey Bruce Health Unit. “This partnership supports our most vulnerable population and provides an equitable system for the residents. This increase access to testing will improve our ability to diagnose cases of COVID-19.”

For more information on COVID-19, visit the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

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