

Provincial Antigen Screening Program – Information Sheet

This information sheet will provide an overview on the Provincial Antigen Screening Program, details on reporting through the Health Data Collection Service (HDCS), training dates and supporting materials.

Provincial Antigen Screening Program Overview:

The Provincial Antigen Screening Program is a newly launched program that allows employers in priority settings to add an additional safety measure in high-risk and essential workplaces, to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Through the program, rapid antigen tests will be distributed to organizations in priority settings, to enhance existing routine screening measures for asymptomatic employees and other identified groups. Rapid antigen tests may allow for workplaces to proactively identify cases of COVID-19 that may have otherwise been missed, supporting employee safety and business continuity in a variety of workplaces.

Submission Details:

Organizations which are part of the Provincial Antigen Screening Program will be required to report their Antigen Testing data once a week through the HDCS website.

- Information will be reported each week to the ministry for the period Saturday to Friday with the weekly report due each Friday by 11:59PM EST.
- All data fields are mandatory when submitted.
- Valid values are numeric only and can be between 0 and 999999. Blank and negative values are not permitted.
- A list of the questions to be reported through HDCS has been included in **Appendix A: Data Collection Questions below.**

Training Information:

Live training sessions will be provided by the Ministry of Health – Health Data Branch. These training sessions will focus on how to report your data through HDCS. Please refer to **Appendix B: Training Schedule below.**

A pre-recorded training module is also available through Ontario Health (OH). If you would like to access this module please email COVID19testing@ontariohealth.ca

Supporting Materials

In order to support your onboarding and reporting through HDCS, the following supporting documents are available: Data Definitions and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). These documents can be found under the “Supporting Documents” tab on the HDCS website.

Further supporting materials and resources are available on the OH website (www.ontariohealth.ca/panbio).

Contact information:

If you have any questions, please contact AskHealthData@ontario.ca with the subject line “**Antigen Testing Data Collection**”.

Thank you for your support with this initiative

Appendix A: Data Collection Questions

- Please select (from the drop-down menu) the **type** of rapid test used:
 - Abbott Panbio
 - BD Veritor
 - Quidel Sofia

For each day of the week:	Date (the auto populated dates below will reset for the subsequent week, when the database closes at 11:59 PM every Friday)	How many rapid antigen tests were used?	How many rapid antigen test results were invalid?	How many individuals tested positive with a rapid antigen test?	How many individuals tested negative with a rapid antigen test?
Saturday	DD-MMM-YY				
Sunday	DD-MMM-YY				
Monday	DD-MMM-YY				
Tuesday	DD-MMM-YY				
Wednesday	DD-MMM-YY				
Thursday	DD-MMM-YY				
Friday	DD-MMM-YY				

- In the last 7 days, how many positive rapid antigen tests were **confirmed positive** for COVID-19 through a follow-up, **lab-based PCR test**?
- In the last 7 days, how many positive rapid antigen tests were **confirmed negative** for COVID-19 through a follow-up, **lab-based PCR test**?
- In the last 7 days, how many positive rapid antigen tests were **unconfirmed** through a follow-up, **lab-based PCR test because results are pending or unknown**?

Appendix B: Training Schedule

Ministry of Health – Health Data Branch Training Sessions:

- These training sessions will cover details on submission timelines, how to submit your data through the Health Data Collection Service website.
- Each training session will cover the same content and provide you with an opportunity to ask any reporting questions you may have.

Ministry of Health - Training Schedule	
March 2021 – April 2021	
Link to access training: https://moh-cpad.adobeconnect.com/rfl75w4hpyx7/	
Teleconference: 416-212-8013 / 1-866-633-1033	
Passcode: 8184059#	
Date	Time
March-04-21	2:00 pm EST
March-11-21	2:00 pm EST
March-18-21	2:00 pm EST
March-25-21	2:00 pm EST
April-01-21	2:00 pm EST
April-08-21	2:00 pm EST
April-15-21	2:00 pm EST
April-22-21	2:00 pm EST
April-29-21	2:00 pm EST