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Hello Riverdale Ravens,

As you may have read on the Surrey School District media release, COVID-19 Mouth Rinse/Gargle Test Kits are available to symptomatic students at all schools in the Surrey School District.

Effective immediately, COVID-19 mouth rinse/gargle test kits will be available in all schools in the Surrey School District.

BC Children's Hospital and Fraser Health are making these test kits available for any student who becomes symptomatic during the school day.

As is practice, if a student presents with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, the student will be safely isolated, and families will be contacted to pick their child up as soon as possible. A kit will be offered to the parent/guardian to take home when the child is picked up.

Instructions on how to administer the test at home are included in the kit. The sample can be dropped off at any [LifeLabs location](#) for processing. Results from these tests will be received through the same processes as tests taken at COVID-19 test centres.

Acceptance of a kit is voluntary and solely a parent's or guardian's decision. We recognize that not all parents will be able to drop off a kit at LifeLabs in a timely manner, and not all students will be amenable to a test.

The availability of this test kit is yet another way that we are working with our partners in public health to safely keep our schools open.

The health and safety of students and staff remains our first priority and we thank our staff, students and larger school community for their vigilance and commitment to our [health and safety protocols](#).

Please continue to monitor your child(ren) for [symptoms of COVID-19](#) before sending them to school each day. If they have any symptoms, children should remain at home and access testing at a collection centre, if advised.

For more information on testing, please visit the [BC Centre for Disease Control Testing Information website](#).