

Monday, February 28th

Dear Berkshire Park Parents/Guardians,

As you know, the Ministry of Education has been shipping rapid tests to schools for distribution to students. Our school received our shipment last week and sent each student home with one box of five tests.

Last Thursday, [Health Canada](#) sent out an advisory about potential risks associated with the misuse or accidental ingestion or spillage of COVID-19 rapid antigen test kit solutions. Health Canada has determined that the kits are safe and effective when used as intended. However, many test kits include liquid solutions with chemical preservatives, such as sodium azide and Proclin that may be poisonous if swallowed or absorbed through the skin, particularly in children and pets.

Please ensure your child brought home all five tests and store these kits out of the reach of children and pets. The [BCCDC's website](#) has more information on the test kits and safety.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Rachel Ladd
Acting Principal