

Mandatory Testing – Long-haul and day-trip truck drivers

Who must be tested?

- An initial phase COVID-19 testing for commercial transportation operators applies to New Brunswick resident commercial truck drivers who are:
 - long-haul drivers who drive outside Atlantic Canada (NB, NS, PE and NL), but whose travel either begins or ends in New Brunswick; and
 - day-trippers whose daily trip begins and ends in New Brunswick but takes them outside Atlantic Canada to Maine, Quebec, etc.

Process

Frequency:

- Drivers will be tested:
 - weekly; or
 - during their time in New Brunswick after entering after a long-haul trip lasting longer than one week.

Testing Centres:

- Drivers must be tested at a testing centre/pharmacy near the point of entry, or at a regular testing centre within 24 hours of returning home (conclusion of their trip or weekly).
- A dedicated phone line will be available to commercial drivers to schedule their tests, get information about testing and isolating, and to set up their account on MyHealthNB to access their test results.
- Tests may be scheduled at https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/cdc/content/respiratory_diseases/coronavirus/coronavirusexposure.html#/app/symptom-checker/guides/399/what-to-do and select the trucker option or by calling 1-833-475-0724
- Pharmacies along New Brunswick's borders and at other locations will begin offering testing for COVID-19 within the coming weeks.
- A listing of all testing facilities will be made available online and provided to the drivers, companies and associations.
- Test centres and pharmacies will provide documentation of a scheduled COVID-19 test.
- Commercial drivers will have access to the rapid COVID-19 screening tests within the coming weeks with results available within 15-20 minutes. If the driver tests negative, they will leave the testing centre with an authenticated test result (paper or electronic) and are not required to self-isolate.
- If the driver tests positive, the driver will be sent home under an order to self-isolate to await a call from the Regional Medical Officer of Health, who will direct them to the closest assessment center for a standard, PCR diagnostic COVID-19 test (nasal pharyngeal). The test will be administered, and test result will be sent to the driver within 24 hours using MyHealthNB

- This testing regime may be expanded in future to other classes of commercial drivers.
- Test results from other jurisdictions and private companies may be accepted if:
 - the test was performed at a laboratory or testing facility that is operated by a government or is recognized by a government as meeting provincial or international standards organization requirements;
 - The test is either a rapid COVID-19 screening test (eg Panbio or Abbott ID test) or PCR diagnostic COVID-19 test (nasopharyngeal); and
 - the laboratory test result includes the following data elements:
 - Traveller name and date of birth;
 - Name and civic address of the laboratory/clinic/facility that administered the test;
 - The date on which the test was conducted;
 - The method of test conducted; and
 - The test result (e.g., “negative” or “not detected”).

Documentation:

- Drivers must keep a copy of their latest test result on their person while driving/working, and if that test was more than one week ago, also have a record of a scheduled or requested test. Drivers must also provide their test results to their employers.
- Each employer must maintain a record of the test results for each driver and make them available upon the request of any Peace Officer or occupational health and safety officer (WorkSafeNB). Records are to be maintained for 6 months.

Compliance

- **Compliance efforts** will continue with education and awareness efforts. Beginning February 22nd, truck drivers in contact with peace officers will be reminded that a test result or a scheduled test will be required beginning March 1st and advised where to seek more information.
- **Beginning March 1, all truck drivers will be required to have a test record or evidence of a scheduled/requested test.**
- **Compliance and enforcement includes:**
 - **At Points of Entry:** at the point of entry and upon request, drivers are to produce documentation of a negative COVID-19 test result administered within the past 7 days or documentation of a requested/scheduled COVID-19 test. Failure to produce a negative test result or requested/scheduled test will result in an order to self-isolate for 14d.
 - **Peace Officers or Inspectors may visit employers and independent drivers** to audit the testing records and personnel files of each driver. Any company and/or driver found to

be non-compliant could be given an order to comply, and if the driver/company is still non-compliant, it could be escalated to a ticket or prosecution under the *Emergency Measures Act*.

- **Compliance Documentation:** Drivers may present any of the following types of documents for proof of compliance for weekly testing include:
 - MyHealthNB record
 - Print out / Email confirmation for a self referral request in the previous 3 days including reference number and date of submission
 - A negative laboratory test (paper or electronic proof of result) showing traveller name and date of birth, and civic address of the laboratory / clinic / facility that administered the test, the date on which the test was conducted, the method of test conducted, and the test result (such as “negative” or “not detected”)
 - For those that had a previous confirmed COVID case in the last 90 days, a letter from Public Health confirming diagnosis
 - A letter from an employer confirming employee’s compliance with testing and administration of COVID assessment (by employer), including date of test, result and type of test.
 - A letter from a health care provider detailing the compliance with requirements, including date of test, result, type of test
 - Certified proof of test result letter confirming a Point of Care Testing (POCT) result