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Guelph Chamber & Innovation Guelph launch free COVID-19 rapid screening program for local businesses

(Guelph, May 10, 2021) - The Guelph Chamber of Commerce is pleased to launch a COVID-19 rapid screening program available for free to small and medium sized businesses in Guelph. Working collaboratively with longtime community partner Innovation Guelph, this program will help identify asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic individuals and will help to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace and community.

Piloted by colleagues in Cambridge and the Waterloo Region, the Guelph Chamber and Innovation Guelph are thrilled to be able to provide this invaluable tool to businesses. This program is part of the Provincial Antigen Screening Program (PASP) in partnership with the Provincial and Federal governments. The Guelph Chamber and Innovation Guelph are volunteering their staff time, capacity, and locations to ensure this program is available to the business community.

“Helping businesses navigate the pandemic has been our focus since the onset of this crisis. Ensuring businesses have the proper tools so they can stay open and stay safe is critical” said Shakiba Shayani, President & CEO of the Guelph Chamber of Commerce. “We’re excited to continue to support businesses while contributing to the overall wellbeing of our community.”

“Like the Chamber, we’ve been focused on helping businesses navigate and respond to the pandemic since it emerged. This project leverages community partnerships and brings an agile approach to supporting local businesses and their evolving needs, which has never been more important.” said Anne Toner Fung, CEO of Innovation Guelph.

Businesses with 150 employees or less in the city can now order their free rapid screening kits. [Click here](#) for more information.

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About the Guelph Chamber of Commerce:

The Guelph Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit, member-driven organization dedicated to advocating, connecting, and convening on behalf of its members. As the voice of business in the Guelph community for over 190 years, the Guelph Chamber facilitates conversations, connections, and solutions that strengthens the economic prosperity of the community. Learn more at guelphchamber.com

About Innovation Guelph:

Innovation Guelph is building prosperity for community well-being by providing mentorship and business support programs and services to help innovative enterprises start, grow, and thrive. Innovation Guelph's business acceleration programs are designed for high-potential start-ups, small- to medium-sized enterprises and women-led businesses across southern Ontario. Innovation Guelph also serves as a one-stop point of access to business support programs and services across the province. innovationguelph.ca

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