

April 4, 2022.

To: Community Leadership, Health Staff and Pandemic Leads

RE: COVID-19 TESTING AT SHIBOGAMA OFFICE IN SIOUX LOOKOUT

Due to an increased number of on-going issues of a concerning nature (disrespecting staff, smoking in the office, calling late hours of the night), a high volume of requests for testing and staff shortages, we are forced to make these following changes to our protocols for testing at the Shibogama office in Sioux Lookout effective immediately:

1. **For community members travelling on the winter road**, you must get tested at the Pickle Lake Testing Centre. We will no longer provide tests for those who can get tested at the testing centre. You can call (807)358-5221 for more information.
2. **For community members travelling by airplane**, please make arrangements with the airline you are booked with – Wasaya, Skycare, etc. Testing is provided for free at the airport prior to your flight.
3. **For community members who are staying at the Hostel**, please speak to the Hostel staff prior to leaving and let them know you need a test. We are aware that SLFNHA provides tests on site.

For anyone who requires a test urgently and cannot reasonably access testing in the ways mentioned above, testing will be provided on an as-needed basis by appointment only.

Office hours are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, and appointments will be scheduled during this time. Please allow up to half an hour (or longer, if there are multiple people being tested) to receive your results. Calls after hours will not be answered until the next business day. To book an appointment, call (807)737-2662. We are starting to re-open our offices.

Please note, you must be on time for your appointment and adhere to the protocols. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,



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