

The Chamber Network has a tremendous opportunity to bring a **Rapid Antigen Screening Kit Program** to businesses in your area. As many of you will already know, this program has been successfully piloted in Waterloo Region by the Cambridge and Greater Kitchener-Waterloo Chambers of Commerce.

To support an accelerated rollout to additional communities across Ontario and Canada, a draft guidebook was generously provided by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce to assist other chambers in offering the same program to businesses in their service area. **The program is delivered to all small and medium sized businesses, whether they are chamber members or not. Feedback from businesses in Waterloo Region has been extremely positive. This is clearly one of the most valuable programs to offer to your business community at this difficult time.**

You may have already expressed interest in delivering this program in your area. The program represents a significant leadership opportunity for your chamber and provides immense value to businesses that want to do everything they can to protect the well-being of their employees and customers. Once we are on the other side of this crisis, businesses will remember that it was the chamber of commerce / board of trade that was there for them in so many ways...this program being the latest and one of the most impactful.

To get started, there are some important preparations to undertake. We also know that the Canadian Chamber of Commerce (CCC) is in discussions with Health Canada to provide some cost-recovery funding locally, but this has not been confirmed as yet. It does, however, look positive at this point.

**Please refer to:**

- 1) [\*Rapid Screening Playbook\*](#) This document includes sample processes related to many elements of the program. In some cases, these processes may be modified to suit your unique circumstances, while still adhering to all health and safety protocols.
- 2) [\*Sample Provincial Antigen Screening Program Agreement\*](#) (PASP Agreement). This must be completed by participating companies when picking up their first disbursement of screening kits. An updated agreement is being prepared by our government partners.

We are working to obtain the final details (ordering website, program participation agreement) as quickly as possible from our government partners.

If you have not already expressed interest in being a program partner, please email [vyshalishankar@occ.ca](mailto:vyshalishankar@occ.ca) to advise of your interest.

To be clear, while the rapid test kits are free (including delivery), staffing and other expenses are not. As indicated above, the CCC is working on this part and we hope to have some positive news in the coming days.