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Email of January 6, 2022 from Doug Robertson:

RE: Local Health Unit Update/Changes for Employers and Ontario Antigen Screening Program

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Dear Merrickville-Wolford Business Owner,

We would like to share the latest update and changes from our local Health Unit regarding COVID-19 and managing case and contacts in the workplace, in addition to sharing information on the provincial government Antigen Screening Program:

Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit Update – In light of current spread of the Omicron variant, the Community Health Protection Department of our local health unit has provided new direction from the Chief Medical Officer of Health in its Notice to Employers regarding COVID-19 Case and Contact Follow-up in the Workplace. Please see the attached memo of January 5/22 for details and link to an [informative provincial website](#) you may wish to share with employees. Also attached is a poster, which helps to classify ‘who is a close contact’ as relates to Variants of Concern.

Provincial Antigen Screening Program – Businesses may add an additional safety measure in their workplaces by using rapid antigen screening tests, which are distributed to enhance existing routine screening

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measures and help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The tests may facilitate the identification of an individual infected with COVID-19 in the workplace that regular screening protocols (e.g., symptom screening) might otherwise miss. [Click here](#) for more information on the COVID-19 testing program for organizations and find out about eligibility, training, on-site rapid testing and reporting requirements.

For a regularly updated listing of small business resources, government support and relief programs, and local PPE Suppliers, please see the [United Counties of Leeds Grenville Economic Development Covid-19 page](#).

Please feel free to contact us by [email](#) or by calling 613-269-4791 for more information on programs for businesses and let us know if you have business contacts to add to our email distribution list.

Wishing you all the best for 2022.

Doug Robertson
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development
Village of Merrickville-Wolford



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