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CLR Members,

Today we hosted our first **Speaker Series event – the “Road to Recovery” Townhall**, where we presented on a variety of COVID-recovery related questions, faced by employers.

We want to thank our guest speakers - Dr. (Dave) Baspaly and Grant McMillan of the Council of Construction Associations (COCA), as well as our members who were able to attend this event.

Among important topics that were raised during our panel discussion, were mandatory vaccination, WorkSafeBC changes in regard to the current stage of the pandemic, and **RAPID TESTING PROGRAM OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR CLR MEMBERS.**

Organized in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Provincial Health Services Authority, the Safe Screen B.C. program guides businesses through a vastly expedited application process for rapid antigen tests in B.C. and supports set-up of onsite rapid workplace screening. Rapid antigen tests can provide an additional layer of protection to help reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission and outbreaks.

In partnership with the B.C. Business Council (BCBC), CLR is offering the Safe Screen B.C. program to those of our members who are interested in implementation of this rapid testing on their worksites. **The cost of the program, valued at up to \$7,500 per employer depending on the number of employees at each company, will be covered by CLR.**

Please, find the description of the Safe Screen B.C. program and information on how to apply in the attached documents.

We will be glad to answer your questions regarding this important testing solution for employers, and to guide you through the program if your organization is interested in applying.

Sincerely,

Your CLR Team

What is Safe Screen B.C.?

Safe Screen B.C. is a program to **guide businesses** in B.C. through **applying** for free rapid antigen tests and **setting up** rapid workplace screening.

Established in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), Safe Screen B.C. provides businesses with:

- **Access** to COVID-19 rapid antigen tests for employees.
- **Tools, resources, and training** to support the set-up of your workplace screening program in alignment with provincial requirements.

Benefits of Safe Screen B.C.

Under the current Provincial Health Order, B.C. businesses **must have pre-approval from PHSA**. Businesses must also meet PHSA and BC Centre for Disease Control (BC CDC) **training and reporting requirements** to conduct COVID-19 rapid antigen screening for workers. Businesses can apply for PHSA approval independently or through Safe Screen B.C., which offers help in expediting your application and support in setting up your workplace screening program.

With the amount of **time and resources** that your business commits to **adding another layer of protection** for your employees against COVID-19, the program aims to streamline and simplify the process of setting up and operating a screening program.

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	Without Safe Screen B.C.	Through Safe Screen B.C.
Process	Apply independently to PHSA for approval to conduct screening program without direct support.	Assigned a dedicated implementation coach to help with the application and respond to questions.
Timeline	Have applications that can take months for processing and approval.	Have application guidance and support, which can reduce time for processing and approval.
Test Kits	Receive test kits from PHSA.	Receive test kits from PHSA.
Training	Solely responsible for identifying training resources and conducting training to ensure compliance with B.C. requirements.	Assisted with training materials and sessions to help businesses launch screening programs (e.g. SOPs, reference guides etc.).
Scheduling	Responsible for manually scheduling testing for workers.	Provided with a technology solution to help automate scheduling workers for rapid screening.
Reporting	Businesses are independently responsible for complying with reporting obligations to health authorities and B.C. government through a manual submission process.	Provided with a technology solution to help automate reporting and satisfy provincial requirements.
Quality Control and Assurance	Responsible for keeping current with provincial requirements	Provided up-to-date guidance for businesses to comply with provincial requirements

What are the program steps?

Through this program, CLR Members can gain approval and access to test kits in as little as two weeks. The steps are:

1. Attend an information session
2. Sign up for the program
3. Attend a planning session
4. Order and pick up screening kits
5. Launch your rapid screening program

How do I get started?

CLR is pleased to offer their members participation in the program and to cover the cost of the one-time program fee. To get started:

- [Register for an information session.](#)
- [Send us your questions.](#)
- [Find out more on our website.](#)



Background



With a potential for a rise in COVID-19 cases during the respiratory viral season in the fall and winter, rapid antigen tests can provide an additional layer of protection to help reduce the chance of COVID-19 transmission and outbreaks.



Organized in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Provincial Health Services Authority, **Safe Screen B.C.** will guide businesses through the application process for rapid antigen tests in B.C., and support set-up of onsite rapid workplace screening.

What is the **Safe Screen B.C.** program?

Safe Screen B.C. provides businesses with:

- Easy access to COVID-19 rapid antigen tests for employees
- Resources and an implementation coach to support set-up for a workplace screening program

The program has an estimated timeline of 2 weeks to receive test kits and launch your rapid screening program.

Safe Screen B.C. has been established to support businesses with close contact settings and/or frequent interactions with customers.

CLR Members will have access to:

- ✓ **Safe Screen B.C. Toolkit:** Tools and resources for businesses to set up and deploy rapid screening in the workplace, including site plans, an employee FAQ library and quick reference sheets.
- ✓ **Support and guidance:** Tailored support to apply for test kits and set on-site rapid screening.
- ✓ **Streamlined reporting software:** A user-friendly reporting solution for managing reporting requirements.
- ✓ **Readiness support:** Facilitated virtual training sessions on how to fulfil application criteria and execute rapid screening.

All **CLR Members** are encouraged to apply

CLR is covering the cost for our members which is valued at up to \$7,500 per employer depending on the number of employees at each company.

To get started, all you need to do is [register for an information session](#).