

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.

Businesses...

	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, businesses 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 and contribute funding ask
3. Attend a planning session
4. Order and pick up screening kits
5. Launch your rapid screening program

Who is this program for?

Any businesses in B.C. that are interested in using rapid antigen tests to screen **asymptomatic employees working in close contact** settings.

- **Employees:** Screening is for asymptomatic employees, workers, and staff. This does not include business' customers, visitors, or volunteers.
- **Close contact:** Tests are to be used for people working in contact with other workers or members of the public.

All industries are encouraged to apply. Program participants include companies in manufacturing, warehousing, construction, hospitality, transportation, medical clinics, trades, mining, and oil & gas.

How do I get started?

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

The program is funded through a combination of private and public sector contributions, including a one-time funding ask from program participants. This is to cover the cost of the services provided by the program. Contact us to learn more.