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John Brant Public School
143 Ridge Road North
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Dear Staff/Parent/Guardian:

Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services (NRPH&ES) is currently working with the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) and John Brant Public School in response to a COVID-19 outbreak.

Due to the number of affected classrooms, the impact on the school community as a whole and in an effort to increase access to testing, a **COVID-19 testing clinic will be held at Crystal Ridge Community Centre, 99 Ridge Rd South on Thursday, Nov. 4 & Friday, Nov. 5 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m**.

The clinic will be available to any member of the school community. Testing is voluntary and available to those with and without symptoms, as persons can be infected with COVID-19 and may not be symptomatic. A testing option will be available for children that is less uncomfortable for the child (i.e. combined cheek and nose swab).

Appointment times can be booked at https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/CrystalRidgeCommunityCentre@switchhealth.ca/bookings/. Individuals attending the clinic are encouraged to bring their health cards so they can access their results online.

Together with the DSBN, we are committed to supporting our community and protecting the health and well-being of families and students during this challenging time. We want to assure you that it remains safe for children who have not been instructed to isolate as a case or close contact, to attend school. Please visit niagararegion.ca/health for more COVID-19 information and resources. You can also contact us if you have any questions through our COVID-19 Info-Line by calling 905-688-8248 or 1-888-505-6074, press 7, or by using the COVID-19 Live Chat.

Sincerely,

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