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Dear Ms. Brenton,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Brampton City Council Resolution C426-2020, seeking rapid COVID-19 tests for essential workers.

The Government of Canada has been working closely with provinces and territories to distribute rapid tests to help break the chain of COVID-19 transmission. Ontario received its first shipment of rapid test kits in October 2020 and it has been a priority to ensure ongoing provincial access to rapid tests. To date, Ontario has received 11 million rapid tests from the federal government for deployment.

On May 7, the Government of Canada [announced new efforts to increase access to rapid tests](#) and support workplace screening initiatives. In addition to rapid test availability [directly from the Government of Ontario](#), a new federal direct delivery channel supported by a [web portal](#) is now in place, in addition to distribution via [pharmacies](#), [chambers of commerce](#) and the [Canadian Red Cross](#). The related Ontario government announcement can be found [here](#).

We are in regular contact with our counterparts in the Ontario government and understand that the City of Brampton has been in discussions with them.

Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you again for your letter and for your ongoing efforts in the fight against COVID-19.

Regards,

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[Rapid tests for COVID-19 screening in the workplace](#)

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Re: Rapid COVID-19 Tests for Essential Workers

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton passed the following resolution at its meeting of November 25, 2020:

C426-2020

Whereas many workers within the City of Brampton continue to provide essential services for the benefit of residents across the City, province and country and require access to fast and easy COVID-19 testing to ensure they can continue their productive work; and

Whereas many of these essential service workers reside within the City of Brampton, currently experiencing a prevalence of COVID-19 cases;

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to deploy new rapid tests to essential service workers, and especially within the City of Brampton and other high transmission areas, in order to keep essential workers safe and productive, improve access to testing availability and quickly detect and manage outbreaks to enable these workers to continue making productive and essential contributions to our communities.

Yours truly,

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