

**Subject:** New Variant of COVID-19 found in KFL&A Region  
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**From:** To Queen's Faculty and Staff on behalf of Office of the Provost  
**To:** QFACULTY-QSTAFF@LISTS.QUEENSU.CA

Dear Students, Staff, and Faculty,

Please see today's KFL&A Public Health [news release](#) regarding a recommendation for anyone who has travelled outside of the region (i.e., beyond Hastings, Prince Edward, Leeds, Grenville, or Lanark counties), has had visitors from outside the region, or has moved to the region in the last 14 days to consider voluntary, asymptomatic testing for COVID-19.

This asymptomatic testing initiative is being recommended in the KFL&A region, as KFL&A Public Health has received the first lab confirmed B.1.1.7 case, a new, more easily transmissible variant of COVID-19 that was first found in the United Kingdom.

I strongly encourage all members of the Queen's community who fall into the above noted categories to get tested. As previously communicated, the university is also requesting that all students, staff, and faculty who have travelled to Kingston from outside the KFL&A, Hastings and Prince Edward Counties, and Leeds, Grenville, and Lanark region, or who have had visitors from outside the region, to self-isolate for 14 days.

Information on local assessment centres can be found here:

- [Queen's students in Kingston](#) (On-campus assessment centre)
- [Faculty and staff](#) in Kingston

Thank you for your continued vigilance to protect our community.

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