

RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOL FOR STUDENTS/STAFF WITH COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

While student/staff is waiting for COVID-19 test results, they must remain in self-isolation and cannot attend school in-person. Any siblings and household members should self-monitor for symptoms.

This algorithm applies only to those who are not a contact of a confirmed case, who have not travelled outside of Canada within the past 14 days, and who attend a school that is not in an outbreak. If any of these do apply, follow the directions received from the Health Unit or upon return to Canada.

NEGATIVE COVID-19 Test Result

If student/staff is symptom free for 24 hours*, they can return to school.

Documented proof of the negative test result is not required to return to school.

Schools should request a written note from the parent whereby the parent attests that the above criteria has been met.

*mild symptoms known to persist in young children (e.g. runny nose) may be ongoing at time of return to school if other symptoms have been resolved **AND** there's a negative test result.

NOT TESTED for COVID-19

Student/staff must self-isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms **AND** be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

OR

If staff/student has been advised by health care provider that symptoms are not due to COVID-19 **AND** symptoms are not new or worsening, they can return to school.

Documented proof from a health care provider is not required to return to school. A written note from the parent whereby the parent attests that one of the above criteria has been met is recommended.

POSITIVE COVID-19 Test Result

Refer to "Student or Staff test positive for COVID-19" algorithm. Follow school protocol when Students/Staff test positive for COVID-19