

Student or staff tests positive for COVID-19

The health unit contacts the staff, student (or student's parent/guardian) to conduct a risk assessment

Students/staff who test positive for COVID-19 will remain in isolation until 3 conditions have been met:

1. They have isolated for 14 days after the onset of symptoms AND
2. They no longer have a fever AND
3. Their symptoms have been improving for at least 72 hours

Students or staff do not need clearance testing or medical notes to return to school

The Communicable Disease Control Team at the health unit will work with the school public health nurses to ensure appropriate notification to the school

School provides information on student/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 to the health unit **(within 24 hours of request)**

The Health Unit will perform a risk assessment of any contacts and provide instructions to those contacts

School sends relevant information home to all parents/guardians/staff

PHU will:

1. Provide school with list* of individuals who are considered **high-risk contacts****
2. Provide school with recommendations for infection prevention and control measures
3. Determine if an outbreak will be declared

Information needed may include:

- Attendance records
- Class/cohort lists and seating charts
- Before/after school childcare lists
- Transportation lists & seating charts
- Updated contact info for students/staff
- Special assignments/programs/activities (e.g., Special Education)
- Records of essential visitors

* **Note:** Personal health information may be disclosed to schools and this is for the purpose of contact tracing and should only be used for that purpose. Schools have an obligation to protect the personal information of their students. Do not further disclose the identity of the case except to those other school board employees who require it as part of their job function.

The identity of the case should not be disclosed publicly to parents, or to other students unless deemed necessary by public health or unless given permission to do so by the case or their guardian.

****High-risk contacts will be required to**

- Self-isolate at home for 14 days after they were in contact with student who tested positive

Low-risk contacts will be required to

- Self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days. If any symptoms appear follow **School Protocol for Students with Symptoms of COVID-19**