

Attendance at School during COVID – 19 - Students

Assess daily for symptoms to determine if your child should attend school

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If your child (student)...	What to do:
<p>...has flu like symptoms including one, or more, of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Headache • Runny nose • Conjunctivitis • Nasal congestion • Dizziness • Diarrhea • Loss of appetite • Cough • Sore throat • Chills • Fatigue • Shortness of breath • Difficulty breathing • Nausea/vomiting • Altered sense of taste or smell 	<p>Stay home from school to prevent the spread of infection.</p> <p>Contact the school to notify of your child's absence.</p> <p>Rapid testing is strongly recommended.</p> <p><u>If NEGATIVE COVID-19 Test Results:</u></p> <p>Wait to return to school until 48 hours symptom free, without the aid of fever-reducing medications.</p>
<p>...has tested positive for COVID- 19</p> <p>Notify the school of your child's absence.</p>	<p>Self-isolate to prevent the spread of infection.</p> <p>If fully vaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolate for 5 days from onset of symptoms or 5 days from the positive test result and symptom free for 48 hours <p>If <u>not</u> fully vaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms, or 10 days from the positive test result
<p>...is a close contact and was exposed in a household setting.</p> <p>Notify the school and monitor symptoms daily.</p>	<p>Rapid testing is strongly recommended.</p> <p>If student is fully vaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend school, attend extra-curricular activities as long as they remain asymptomatic. • Self-monitor for symptoms for 10 days from exposure. • Wear a mask and comply with all school division pandemic safety precautions. <p>If <u>not</u> fully vaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student must self-isolate for 10 days from exposure.
<p>...is identified as a close contact to a positive COVID-19 person in a non-household setting (school, other community settings such as sports teams) and <u>not</u> experiencing symptoms.</p> <p>Notify the school and monitor symptoms daily.</p>	<p>Rapid testing is strongly recommended.</p> <p>If student is fully vaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend school, attend extra-curricular activities • Self-monitor for symptoms for 10 days from exposure. • Wear a mask and comply with all school division pandemic safety precautions. <p>If <u>not</u> fully vaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend school, but <u>not</u> extra-curricular activities • Self-isolate (before and after school) for 10 days from your <i>last</i> exposure, seek testing • Wear a mask at all times and comply with all school division pandemic safety precautions.

If your child (student)...	What to do:
...has travelled internationally.	Refer to the Government of Canada website for information and rules regarding international travel. If symptomatic, do not attend school. Strongly recommend rapid testing.

This is a guide only; the specifics of each case will be assessed and at times may result in a different decision than indicated above.

Definitions:

Self-Monitor: monitor yourself for symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever, cough, sore throat and difficulty breathing. Avoid crowded places and increase your personal space from others when possible.

Self-Isolate: stay at home, monitor yourself for symptoms, avoid all contact with others and follow local public health authority advice.

Fully vaccinated: the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine was received more than 14 days ago.

Close contact: provided direct care to someone or had direct contact with infectious body fluids of a person without consistent and appropriate use of recommended PPE, lived with or had prolonged contact with a probable or confirmed case.