

SCHOOL PROTOCOL WHEN STUDENT/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 2 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 symptoms are improving for at least 72 hours.

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

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

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 other school board employees who require it as a 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 parent/guardian.

The case & contact management team at the Health Unit will ensure appropriate notification to the schools

Schools provide information on students/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 to Health Unit (within 24 hours of request)

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

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- 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

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

Information needed may include:

- Attendance records for students and staff
- Class cohort list and seating charts
- Before/after school child care lists
- Transportation list & seating charts
- Updated contact information for students/staff
- Special assignments/programs/activities (e.g. special education)
- Records of essential visitors, substitute teacher, movement logs

High-risk contacts will be required to

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

Low-risk contacts will be required to

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



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