

RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOL

for Students/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms

While a 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* and can pass the **COVID-19 School Screening**, they can return to school.

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

**Mild symptoms (e.g., runny nose, cough) may be ongoing at time of return to school IF other symptoms have been resolved AND there is a negative test result.*

Not Tested for COVID-19

Student/staff must remain home 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 due to a known alternative diagnosis and not to COVID-19 and are resolved for at least 24 hours, they can return to school.

Documented proof from health care provider is not required to return to school.

Positive COVID-19 Test Result

See School Protocol When Students/Staff Test Positive for COVID-19