

What to do: If a student is ill during school hours



Student is ill

Consult the Ministry of Health's *COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms*: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_reference_doc_symptoms.pdf. Anyone caring for the student should maintain as much physical distance as possible.



Notify principal or designate

Principal coordinates immediate student pick-up and designates area to isolate the student. Refer to *COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms*.



Isolate student

Bring the student to established isolation area and use the designated personal protective equipment (PPE) kit. Persons caring for the ill student should wear a medical mask and eye protection. If tolerated, the ill student should also wear a medical mask. Practise hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.



Call parent or guardian to arrange pick up of student

Provide the following information for parents:

Your child has been identified to have a COVID-19 symptom. Refer to *COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms*. Please bring the child home to self-isolate.

Complete the self-assessment tool for instructions on testing and self-isolation, or as advised by your medical provider. Follow guidance under the return to school section of the Government of Ontario's *Operational guidance: COVID-19 management in schools*: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/operational-guidance-covid-19-management-schools#section-6>.





Notify Public Health Sudbury & Districts



Call 705.522.9200, ext. 393 if required.*



Follow-up



Ensure proper environmental cleaning of the space and items used by the student. Contact the Superintendent and make them aware. If required, advise staff. Prepare a list of students and staff in the school who were in contact with or in the same cohort as the ill individual. Continue to monitor the school population for possible new/additional illnesses. Report in daily attendance tracking tool as necessary.

*In general, schools should not report all instances of ill individuals in the school setting to Public Health. As instructed in the [Operational guidance: COVID-19 management in schools](#) and [COVID-19 Guidance: School Outbreak Management](#) provincial guidance documents, schools should call Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200, ext. 393 if:

1. They are of the opinion that an individual may have COVID-19.
2. They have concerns about student(s) related absences or attendance concerns within their school community.
3. They have questions about the management of individuals with symptoms (or environmental cleaning or other measures).
4. There are concerns about multiple ill individuals in a cohort.

Please note: The same general principles apply with regard to the management of ill staff/other essential visitors in the school. This would include self-isolation, notification of the principal, leaving the school immediately, performing a self-assessment/seeking medical care as required and environmental cleaning of the areas the individual had contact with. Public Health should be notified as appropriate.