

What to do:

If a child is ill during school or daycare hours



Child is ill

Consult the Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms](#).



Notify principal/supervisor or designate

Principal/supervisor coordinates immediate child pick-up and designates area to isolate the child. Refer to [COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms](#).



Isolate child

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



Call parent or guardian to arrange pick up of child

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 [COVID-19 school and child care screening](#) tool for further instructions on isolation, seeking medical advice, return to school or child care, and when to call public health.





School/daycare to 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 child. Contact the Superintendent and make them aware. If required, advise staff. If directed by Public Health, prepare a list of children 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.

Please note: The same general principles apply with regard to the management of ill staff/other essential visitors in the school/daycare. This would include self-isolation, notification of the principal/supervisor, leaving the school/daycare 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.

School/daycare reporting requirements

*In general, schools/daycares 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/daycares 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 (e.g. awareness of student being diagnosed with COVID-19, exposed to a case of COVID-19, having traveled outside of Canada or to COVID-19 impacted area in the last 14 days).
2. They have concerns about child-related absences or attendance concerns within their school/daycare 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.