

Student, child, staff member, visitor is ill during school or daycare hours

With any symptoms of illness – COVID-19 related or not – sick individuals should stay home and seek assessment from their regular health care provider if required.

Ill student or child

- Student advises adult that they feel ill. Anyone caring for the student should maintain as much physical distance as possible.
- Principal coordinates immediate student pick-up and designates area to isolate the student.
 - All household contacts of the ill individual (for example, siblings, parents, roommates, etc.) who are not fully immunized¹ or who were not previously positive² are to isolate pending ill individual's COVID-19 test result or direction from a health care provider.
- Student or child remains in established designated isolation room area and uses 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. Practice hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Call parent/guardian to arrange pick up of student. Provide the following information to the parent or guardian:
 - Your child has reported feeling ill and requires an assessment for COVID-19. Please bring child home to self-isolate. Complete the [self-assessment tool](#) for instructions on on testing and self-isolation or as advised by their health care provider.

Ill staff or visitor

- Advise supervisor.
- Following information is provided to staff or visitor:
 - You have reported feeling ill and require an assessment for COVID-19. Please return home and complete the [self-assessment tool](#) for instructions on testing and self-isolation or as advised by their health care provider.
- Staff or visitor returns home immediately.
 - All household contacts of the ill individual (for example, siblings, parents, roommates, etc.) who are not fully immunized¹ or who were not previously positive² are to isolate pending ill individual's COVID-19 test result or direction from a health care provider.



Follow-up

- Ensure [environmental cleaning](#) of space and items used by student, child, staff or visitor.

Public Health Sudbury & Districts

- Call 705.522.9200 ext. 393 if required.
- In general, schools and daycares should not report all instances of ill or symptomatic individuals to Public Health Sudbury & Districts, as these are frequent occurrences and typically most individuals have non-specific symptoms.
 - In accordance with the reporting obligations under [s.28 of the HPPA](#), school principals are required to report to the medical officer of health of the health unit in which the school is located if they are of the opinion that a pupil has or may have a communicable disease, which includes but is not limited to COVID-19 (for example, mumps, chicken pox).
- Where there is sufficient concern that an individual may have COVID-19 (for example, school is informed by a parent/guardian that a student has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or informed by a staff member that they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or there are concerns about multiple symptomatic/asymptomatic individuals in a cohort) the school should report this to Public Health. Cases that occur in travelling workers and occasional staff should be flagged for Public Health.
 - If required, contact the school Superintendent, or daycare director, and make them aware. If directed by Public Health, prepare a list of children and staff in the school or daycare who were in contact with or in the same cohort as the ill individual. Continue to monitor the school or daycare population for possible new/additional illnesses. Report in daily attendance tracking tool as necessary.

[COVID-19 Guidance: School Case, Contact, and Outbreak Management \(gov.on.ca\)](#), p.8-9

¹ Fully immunized for COVID-19 is 14 days or more after receiving the second dose of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine series. Immunocompromised individuals who are fully-immunized are excluded from this definition, in accordance with [COVID-19 Fully Immunized and Previously Positive Individuals](#).

² A previously positive individual is a person who received a positive COVID-19 test result confirmed by PCR testing. As well, their initial positive result was 90 days or less AND they have been cleared by Public Health from their initial infection. Immunocompromised individuals are excluded from this definition, in accordance with [COVID-19 Fully Immunized and Previously Positive Individuals](#).

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