

School Protocol for Students/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms

The purpose of this document is to help schools and parents/guardians understand:

- *What should the school do if a student/staff has COVID-19 symptoms at school or on the bus?*
- *What should a parent/guardian do if their child has COVID-19 symptoms while at home?*

It also answers the following questions:

- *Do siblings or other household members of the student/staff who has symptoms need to go home too?*
- *Who should the school be contacting at public health if they need additional guidance or support?*

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Student/Staff with COVID-19 symptoms

Student or staff is at home

Parent/guardian or staff contacts school

Parent/guardian/staff follows direction provided by the [COVID-19 School & Child Care Screening tool](#)

Household members who are **fully vaccinated** do not need to self-isolate.

Household members who are **not fully vaccinated** must stay home if anyone has COVID-19 symptoms or is waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms.

Stay home until the person with symptoms gets a negative COVID-19 test result, or is cleared by public health, or is diagnosed with another illness

Student or staff is at school or on bus (upon arrival)

Coordinate immediate student pick-up and student should isolate in a designated area (i.e. isolation room* with designated staff to care for student) until parent/guardian arrival. Symptomatic staff are to go home immediately.

Siblings and/or household members should be contacted and those who are **not fully vaccinated** are to be sent home and remain home until the person with symptoms gets a negative COVID-19 test result or is diagnosed with another illness from a healthcare provider.

School may contact School Public Health Nurse if interested in further guidance or direction** 1-844-478-1400

School provides parent/guardian with [Symptomatic Student Information Sheet](#) for guidance on what to do next

Parent/guardian/staff follows direction provided in information sheet and in the [COVID-19 School & Child Care Screening tool](#) for information on testing and return to school

*The **isolation room** should be an enclosed space separate from other people that is equipped with PPE, hand sanitizer, tissues, and a lined garbage bin. It should be cleaned and disinfected after use

**Schools do not need to report all students/staff with symptoms to the Health Unit (only report confirmed positive cases to the Health Unit at 1-800-563-2808 ext. 5229)