YOUR CHILD PRESENTED WITH SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT WITH COVID-19 AT ADD SCHOOL/CHILD CARE NAME

Select date

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Your child presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Guidance from the Ontario Ministry of Health and York Region Public Health recommends parents or guardians are contacted to bring their child home when they present with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the day.

As a precaution, your child was separated from other children and supervised by a staff member until you were able to bring them home. We explained to your child how separating them from their classmates can help prevent the spread of illness and you would be coming to pick them up.

Isolation advice for symptomatic individuals

* 1. **If symptoms include any symptom from the list below, assume your child has a COVID-19 infection** **and should self-isolate immediately:**
* Fever and/or chills; OR
* Cough; OR
* Shortness of breath; OR
* Decrease or loss of taste or smell; OR
* Two or more of the following:
  + runny nose/nasal congestion
  + headache
  + extreme fatigue
  + sore throat
  + muscle aches/joint pain
  + gastrointestinal symptoms (i.e., vomiting or diarrhea)
  1. **Your child is fully vaccinated OR is under the age of 12 years old:** self-isolate for at least 5 days from symptom onset AND until their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms), whichever is longer.
  2. **Your child is 12 years old or older AND is partially vaccinated or unvaccinated, or if they are immune compromised**: self-isolate for 10 days from symptom onset AND until their symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms), whichever is longer.

**Household members of a symptomatic person are required to isolate (stay home)** for the same amount of time as the symptomatic person **unless**:

* The household member(s) are 18 years of age or older and have received a booster dose, OR
* The household member(s) are under 18 years of age and are fully vaccinated, OR
* The household member(s) have previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days (Rapid Antigen Test or PCR)

If the household member(s) meets the above exceptions and are **NOT** required to self-isolate, they **must self-monitor for 10 days** (from last exposure to symptomatic person) and;

* Complete and pass the daily [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/)
* Wear a well-fitted mask in school and child care setting
* Avoid activities such as high-contact sports and playing wind instruments where masking and/or physical distancing cannot be maintained
* Avoid visiting immunocompromised individuals or visiting high risk settings.

Please refer to [ontario.ca/exposed](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/exposed?utm_source=mobile-app-organic&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=covid-alert-mobile-app-english&utm_content=covidalertapppage-text) for more information.

**If symptoms do not include any of the above**, you/your child is less likely to have COVID-19 infection; however, they should **not** return to school/child care until symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms). Your household members do not need to self-isolate.

If you have a rapid antigen test or take-home PCR test kit

If you have access to an at-home test and your child gets a positive result, they must self-isolate immediately.

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| Your symptomatic child tested positive and is: | Self-isolate at home: |
| 12 years of age or older AND partially vaccinated or unvaccinated, or if they are immune compromised | **For 10 days** from when symptoms started; if needed, continue to isolate until symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms) |
| 12 years of age or older AND fully vaccinated | **For at least 5 days** from when symptoms started; if needed, continue to isolate until symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms) |
| Under 12 years of age (regardless of their vaccination status) | **For at least 5 days** from when symptoms started; if needed, continue to isolate until symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if gastrointestinal symptoms) |
| **Household members may be required to self-isolate.** Refer to [ontario.ca/exposed](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/exposed?utm_source=mobile-app-organic&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=covid-alert-mobile-app-english&utm_content=covidalertapppage-text) for more information | |

Positive test - notifying close contacts

Please think about who your child had close contact with outside of your household during the 48 hours before symptoms started, or from the date of their positive test (whichever was earlier). Let close contacts know about their exposure and encourage them to visit [ontario.ca/exposed](file:///C:\Users\jasanskye\AppData\Roaming\OpenText\DM\Temp\ontario.ca\exposed).

**There is no requirement for parent(s)/guardian(s) to report their child’s PCR/RAT results to the school or child care as part of absence reporting.**

Covid-19 Screening

**Students, staff and visitors are required to complete the provincial** [**school and child care screening tool**](https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/) **prior to attending the setting.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit [york.ca/COVID19](http://www.york.ca/covid19) or contact York Region Public Health at 1-800-361-5653. You can also visit [york.ca/SafeAtSchool](http://www.york.ca/safeatschool) for more information.

Covid-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to protect you and those around you from serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19.

York Region Public Health encourages all individuals five years of age and older to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](https://www.york.ca/wps/portal/yorkhome/health/yr/covid-19/vaccinationsyorkregion/!ut/p/z1/tZLNcoIwFIWfpQuXTC4JkLhMKRVoRav1BzYOUNS0ApamWt--wdGZbtR2LCwgYc49OfnuRRGaoqiIN2IRS1EW8Urtw8iaebzjue4D-D2D2cChx31MGThtHU32AjjxcEDRb-rPCKLz9mMUoWidihcUAmWmgU3QIE2wZmA91eK51dYyI0lMM5vTmCS1Oi3kWi5RuKtmaVnIrJAt2JXVm9p8SCE_9z-WZZ6pdxav5LIFabkRL5rebsEmTlNR7PF81EVVtlBL5F-6pwKJq67dXai0sVxqopiXaHr0RdMTvqpMvL6_R1zFrrN-STT9z9yTGsjP5J0hM8Ab-5SP9R4YHjkIMDYsV7fBB7fHwLunffOOuTo84IPgTI9C1WN6Es4Ao8lGZFs0KsoqVzM3_GNL3eMJlNnc5R3ow_OIwpNDDWY9dvuPA_3KEy5coGF70qg9hWbtcbP2_wPH98DWeT3-xCHAsWezW-KzIGiWfdAs-6BZ9kGzcz--Fs46H41yRszV646A6Od2wroOMRf57Pxny29uvgHEtNdU/dz/d5/L2dBISEvZ0FBIS9nQSEh/#.YRqT1cpKjIU) to learn more and find a vaccine clinic.

Remember to Practice Infection Prevention and Control Measures at Home

* Continue to practice proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette at home
* Increase cleaning and disinfection in the home, especially in shared spaces and areas
* Frequently clean and disinfect high touch surfaces such as taps and doorknobs
* Ensure the disinfectant has a Drug Identification Number (DIN), and follow the manufacturer’s instructions
* Avoid sharing personal items and other household items with the symptomatic persons
* Designate a separate washroom for the symptomatic person, if possible
* Everyone in the home is encouraged to wear a mask if they need to be in the same room/space as the symptomatic child
* The caregiver of the symptomatic child is recommended to wear eye protection and mask when providing care

Resources

Please visit [www.york.ca/safeatschool](http://www.york.ca/safeatschool) for many other helpful resources.