

My Child Did Not Pass the COVID-19 Daily Screening. Now What?

(Please see [STUDENT SCREENING TOOL](#) for details on symptoms and screening.)

If your child has **ONE** new or worsening symptom (not related to a known cause or condition) of COVID 19:

Your child must NOT attend school or child care.

- Contact the school or child care to let them know.
- Your child should isolate and visit a [COVID-19 assessment centre](#) for testing and/or seek medical advice, if required.
- Follow the [return to school and child care protocol for children/students](#) on the next page.

If your child has:

- Been identified as a close contact of someone who is confirmed as having COVID-19 **OR**
- Has been directed by a healthcare provider or public health to isolate **OR**
- Someone in their household who has a new or worsening symptom of COVID-19 **OR**
- In the last 14 days, received a COVID Alert exposure notification on their cell phone.

Your child must not attend school or child care.

- Contact the school or child care to let them know
- Your child should isolate (stay home) and follow the advice of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit
- If your child develops symptoms, you should visit a [COVID-19 assessment centre](#) for testing and/or seek medical advice, if required
- Follow the [return to school and child care protocol for children/students](#) on the next page.

Travel considerations:

- If your child or someone in their household travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days, the traveller and/or children in the household must isolate (stay home) until 14 days from the traveller's return date to Canada
*unless traveller is [exempt](#).

Important Information for Households:

Everyone in your household **MUST** isolate (stay home) if your child or anyone else has COVID-19 symptoms until one of the following occurs:

1. The child or person with symptoms is tested for COVID-19 and test results are negative; OR
2. An alternate diagnosis is given by a healthcare provider for the person who has symptoms.

If the person with symptoms in the household does **NOT** get tested, everyone else in the household **MUST** stay home for:

- 14 days from the last contact with the person with symptoms if the ill person can self-isolate away from the rest of the household; or
- 24 days from start of the ill person's symptom(s) if the ill person **CANNOT** self-isolate away from the rest of the household.

Siblings and staff who are household members of an ill child who develops symptoms at school/child care are **NOT** required to leave school/child care immediately. They can complete their day and then will need to be excluded moving forward until one of the above criteria is met.

When Can My Child Return to School or Child Care?

If your child was advised to isolate immediately and to visit a COVID-19 assessment centre for testing and/or seek medical advice, if required, then follow the steps below to determine when they can return to school.

Negative COVID-19 Test Result

If your child was tested for COVID-19 they are required to self-isolate until test results are available.

If the test results are negative, your child may return to school or child care if **all three** of the following things are true:

They do not have a fever (without taking medication)

AND

It has been at least 24 hours since symptoms started improving

AND

They have not been in close physical contact with a person who currently has COVID-19.

Household members can return to school/child care and work once the negative result is received.

Alternative Diagnosis

If your child received an alternate diagnosis from their primary health care provider (i.e. it is not believed to be COVID-19), your child may return to school or child care once it has been at least 24 hours since symptoms started improving.

Household members can return to school/child care and work once the alternate diagnosis is given.

Not Tested for COVID-19

If your child was not tested for COVID-19, they must begin a self-isolation period for minimum of 10 days from the start of their symptoms. After self-isolating for 10 days, they may return to school or child care if:

They do not have a fever (without taking medication)

AND

It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving.

Everyone else in the household **MUST** stay home for:

14 days from the last contact with the ill person if the ill person can self-isolate away from the rest of the household

OR

24 days from start of the ill person's symptom(s) if the ill person **CANNOT** self-isolate away from the rest of the household.

Positive COVID-19 Test Result

If your child received a positive COVID-19 test result, they can return to school or child care when:

They have completed 10 days of isolation after the onset of symptoms

AND

No longer have a fever

AND

Symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.

Everyone else in the household **MUST** stay home until public health has followed up and provided direction.

Medical documentation is not required to return to school. Schools or child care may request that parents/guardians complete a [COVID-19 Return to School and/or Child Care Attestation Form](#) and submit it to the school/child care upon your child's return.