

## Fact Sheet for Parents/Guardians

### When Your Child Needs to be Sent Home Because of Illness

If your child becomes ill at school or while staying in residence, you will be asked to come and pick them up promptly from school. Symptomatic students will not be able to use student transportation. While your child is waiting to be picked up, they will be placed in a dedicated isolation room and will be routinely monitored by staff. This space may be in Student Health Services and includes access to a private washroom for the student. Isolation rooms in residences will primarily be the student's own room; however, other isolation areas/rooms may be designated as required. Once you pick up your child, it is recommended that you seek medical advice from your health care provider including a recommendation as to whether your child should be tested for COVID-19. If your child is tested for COVID-19, you should follow the guidance of your health care provider and related direction for isolation and returning to school. If there are other siblings or members of the household that attend school or childcare, the advice of your health care provider should be followed regarding returning to school/child care.

### Return to School

While a student is **waiting for test results the student must be in isolation and must not attend school in person**. The student may attend school remotely if they feel well enough to participate. You should contact your school principal to make the appropriate arrangements for remote learning or if you have any other questions.

Students who test positive cannot attend school in person until they are cleared by the local public health unit.

Students who have had a COVID-19 test because of symptoms, but who test negative, should not return to school until they have been free of fever and their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours.

For an ill student who has a known alternative diagnosis provided by a health care provider, return to school can occur after they have been free of fever for at least 24 hours and symptoms are resolving.

### For More Information

You should visit an assessment centre if you or your child:

- [have symptoms consistent with COVID-19](#)
- do not have symptoms but are concerned you might have been exposed
- do not have symptoms but think you are at risk (for example, if you are an essential or health care worker)

**Testing is a free service. If you can, please bring your Ontario health card.**

**COVID-19 assessment centre locations:** <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations/>