

# COVID-19 Return to School or Child Care: Protocol for Employees/Visitors

While an employee or visitor of a school and/or child care is waiting for COVID-19 test results, they must remain in self-isolation and cannot attend school/child care in-person.

## Negative COVID-19 Test Result



If staff/visitor gets tested for COVID-19 and receives a negative result, they can return to school if all of the following apply:

- They do not have a fever (without using medication), **AND**
- It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving, **AND**
- They were not in close physical contact with someone who currently has COVID-19.

**Follow School Board direction for return to school documentation requirements.**

**Note:** If a staff/visitor has had known close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or the staff/visitor has travelled out of country, they will need to remain in isolation until 14 days have passed since their last exposure even if they have a negative test result.

## Not Tested for COVID-19



Staff/visitor must remain home for 10 days from the onset of symptoms **AND** have symptoms improving for at least 24\* hours and be free of fever before returning to school.

**OR**

Has received an alternate diagnosis by a health care provider (i.e. symptoms are not due to COVID-19) **AND** have symptoms improving for at least 24\* hours.

**Follow School Board direction for return to school documentation requirements.**

## Positive COVID-19 Test Result



Staff/visitor who test positive for COVID-19 will remain in isolation until follow up with public health has been completed and these three conditions have been met:

- 1) They have isolated for 10 days after the onset of symptoms **AND**
- 2) They no longer have a fever **AND**
- 3) Their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours

**\*All household members of the ill staff/visitor are to self-monitor for 14 days. They can continue to go to school or work as long as they have not developed symptoms themselves, and as long as the ill staff/visitor has not been diagnosed with COVID-19.**

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