

## 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 recommended but 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.