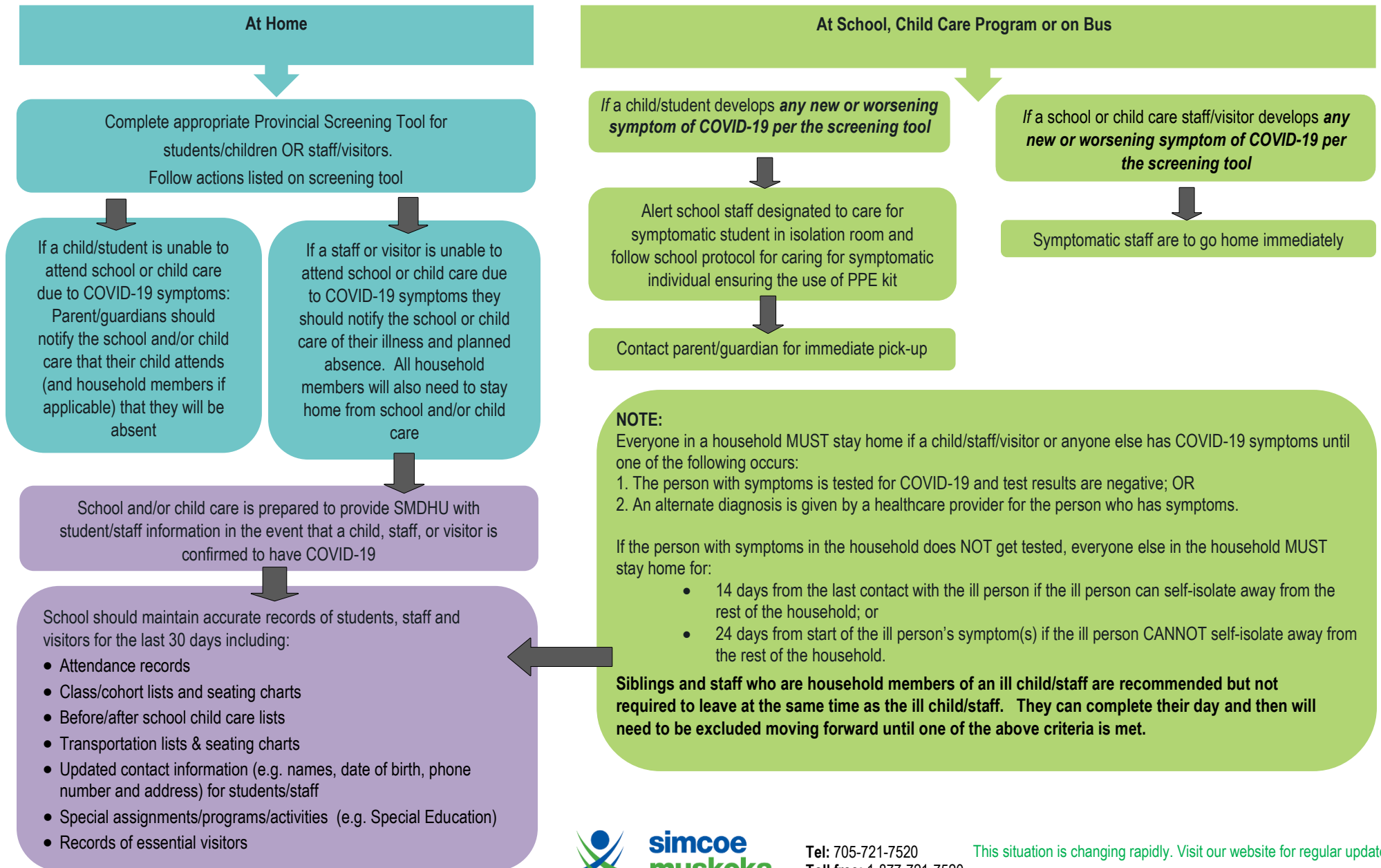


When COVID-19 Symptoms Develop at School or Child Care

This protocol should be followed when a child/student, staff or visitor develops symptoms of COVID-19.

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Caring for a Symptomatic Student at School / Child Care

- Alert school and/or child care staff designated to care for symptomatic students.
- Student is brought to the isolation room.
- If physical distancing cannot be maintained, staff caring for student uses PPE kit (gloves, masks, face shields and gown) to be put on before entering the room with the student.
- Student should be wearing a mask (unless exemption), and can be encouraged to wear medical mask if tolerated.
- Staff supervise student while maintaining physical distance, when possible.
- Follow school and/or child care protocol for PPE, cleaning and isolation room requirements.
- Siblings or other household members of the symptomatic child are recommended but not required to leave school immediately and can finish their day, however they will then need to be excluded moving forward until one of the criteria above is met.

Communication Regarding Next Steps

- Provide individual with appropriate information (e.g. appropriate student and/or staff/visitor screening tool and related protocols) and refer to www.smdhu.org for more information.
- Advise individual that any household members that currently attend/work at the school or child care need to abide by return to school/child care/work criteria.
- Advise the individual to follow the actions listed on the daily screening tool and related protocols. The required actions may differ based on the nature of the symptoms and whether it is a child/student or adult (staff/visitor) who is experiencing the symptoms.
- Encourage the individual to share the results with the school and/or child care centre as soon as possible.
- Thank the individual for taking the necessary steps to protect the school and larger community – we are all doing our part!

Communication Regarding Return to School

Please refer to the following SMDHU resources for more information:

- My Child did not pass the COVID-19 daily screening. Now what? (includes: When can my child return to school or child care?)
- COVID-19 Return to School or Child care: Protocol for Employees/Visitors

Encouraging Follow through on Recommended Actions

We understand that it may be challenging for schools and child care centres to monitor and enforce the actions listed in the Provincial Screening Tools for students and/or staff/visitors, and in the return to school protocols for school and child care settings.

Although medical documentation is not required to return to school, schools and/or child care centres may choose to request parents/guardians and/or staff/visitors to complete a *COVID-19 Return to School and/or Child Care Attestation Form*.

An [Attestation Form](#) is available for download on the SMDHU website.