COVID-19 guide for parents of children going to school or childcare - children with symptoms part 1

Your child has one or more of these COVID-19 symptoms that are new, getting worse or not related to other known causes:
- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath
- loss of sense of smell or taste

Note: Chronic symptoms that can be explained by a pre-existing medical condition (such as allergies) are considered as part of your child’s baseline health.

As long as these symptoms don’t change, your child can go to school or childcare. Your child should have one negative COVID-19 test to set this baseline.

Have you been told by AHS that your child is a close contact of a person who has COVID-19?

Advice

Your child is legally required* to isolate
This means that they must isolate

A COVID-19 test is recommended

Testing

Decide if your child will get a test for COVID-19

Yes

Do:
Book a COVID-19 test for your child
- Online: ahs.ca/testing
- By phone: Call Health Link at 811

Try to to book your child’s test within 24 hours of the start of symptoms

Before you have your child’s test result

No

Do:
Go to the COVID-19 test with your child

Test Result

Get your child’s COVID-19 test result

Positive Test Result

Have you been told by AHS that your child is a close contact of a person who has COVID-19?

Yes

What to do
Your child must stay home and isolate for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms.

Go to ahs.ca/isolation for more information.

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No

Negative Test Result

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Yes

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Your child must stay home and quarantine for 14 days from the last time they had close contact with a person who has COVID-19.

Household members are not required to quarantine as long as they have no COVID-19 symptoms.

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What to do
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Next Steps

What to do
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OR

A COVID-19 test is recommended

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath
- loss of sense of smell or taste

Get your child’s COVID-19 test result

It may take 1 to 3 days to get your child’s test result

- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, someone from AHS will contact you
- Go to ahs.ca/results for more information about getting your child’s COVID-19 test result

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What to do
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