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.

Advice

Testing

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

Yes

- Book a COVID-19 test for your child
  - Online: ahs.ca/testing
  - By phone: Call Health Link at 811
  - Try to book your child’s test within 24 hours of the start of symptoms

- Go to the COVID-19 test with your child

No

Before you have your child’s test result

Test Result

Positive Test Result

- Go to ahs.ca/isolation for more information

Negative Test Result

- Go to ahs.ca/results for more information

Next Steps

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.

Household contacts of your child who are not fully immunized should stay home for 14 days from the last time they had close contact with your child.

Household contacts of your child who are fully immunized are not required to stay home as long as they have no COVID-19 symptoms.

What to do

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

- 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

What to do

Your child is no longer legally required to isolate, but should stay home from school, childcare and other public spaces until they feel better.

If your child has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 go to ahs.ca/infoforclosecontacts.

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