

# School and child care screening tool

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Please complete before entering the school or child care setting



Stay home if you are sick.



After isolating, **wear a mask** in all public settings including school and child care for 10 days from when your symptoms started.



Follow this advice whether you have tested for COVID-19 or not.

If the individual being screened is immunocompromised or living in a highest risk congregate care setting, this is not the correct screening tool. The correct tool can be found at: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening>.

## 1. Do you have any of these new or worsening symptoms\*?

 <b>Fever</b> (37.8°C or higher) and/or chills	 <b>Cough</b> (that is new or worsening)	 <b>Shortness of breath</b>	 <b>Decrease or loss of taste or smell</b>	 <b>If yes, stay home and follow additional precautions.</b> 
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## 2. Do you have any of these new or worsening symptoms\*?

 <b>Sore throat or difficulty swallowing</b>	 <b>Runny or stuffy nose</b>	 <b>Headache</b> (unusual or long lasting)	 <b>Extreme tiredness or lack of energy</b>	 <b>Muscle aches or joint pain</b>	 <b>Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea</b>	 <b>If yes to two or more symptoms, stay home and follow additional precautions.</b> <hr/> <b>If yes to one symptom, stay home.</b> 
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## 3. Do you have any of these new or worsening symptoms\*?

 <b>Abdominal pain</b>	 <b>Pink eye</b>	 <b>Decreased appetite or no appetite</b> (young children only)	 <b>If yes, stay home.</b> 
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\*If the symptom is from a known health condition, answer **No**. If the symptom is new, different or getting worse, answer **Yes**. If there is mild tiredness, sore muscles or joints within 48 hours after a COVID-19 vaccine, wear a mask and answer **No**.

## 4. In the last 10 days have you tested positive for COVID-19?



**If you have** or develop any new or worsening symptoms, stay home and follow additional precautions.

**If yes, AND** you do not have any symptoms of illness, you may go to school or child care while following additional precautions.

**5. Have you been told that you should currently self-isolate?**



**If yes**, stay home and follow the directions that were provided to you.

**6. In the last 14 days, have you travelled outside of Canada and been told to quarantine or not attend school or child care?**

**If yes**, follow federal travel requirements <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>

**If all answers are No, you may attend child care or school.  
All individuals with symptoms of illness should stay home if they are sick.**

**What does stay home if you are sick mean?**



**Stay home** and self-isolate until you have no fever and symptoms have been improving for 24 hours (or 48 hours if nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea). After they've improved follow additional precautions if indicated.

**What do additional precautions mean?**



- Wear a well-fitted mask in all public settings (including school or child care).
- Avoid activities where you need to take off your mask (for example, playing a wind instrument in music class or removing your mask for sports).
- Do not visit anyone who may be at higher risk of illness (for example, seniors or people who are immunocompromised).
- Do not visit or attend work in any highest risk settings.

**\* additional precautions should be followed for 10 days after symptom onset or positive test date, whichever came first.**

**What do household members and close contacts need to do?**



- Monitor closely for any symptoms of illness.
- Follow additional precautions.
- If any new or worsening symptoms appear, stay home and self-isolate.

**\* the above should be followed for 10 days after the last exposure to the sick person**