

# Return to School/Child Care Protocols for Staff, Students and Children when Testing is Recommended

While staff/student/child is waiting for COVID-19 test results, they must remain in self-isolation and cannot attend school/child care in person.



## Negative COVID-19 Test Result

If staff/student/child has tested negative for COVID-19 they can return to school/child care if all the following apply:

- They do not have a fever (without using medication)
- It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving. If the student has vomiting or diarrhea, they can return to school 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
- They were not in close physical contact with someone who currently has COVID-19

**Please note:** if the individual has had known contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or has travelled out of country, they must isolate for 14 days, even if they receive a negative test result.

Clearance testing or medical notes are not required to return to school, as long as all required conditions have been met.



## Not Tested for COVID-19

If testing is recommended and a staff/student/child is not tested, the individual must isolate for 10 days from symptom onset, **AND** until

- They do not have a fever (without using medication), **AND**
- They feel well enough to attend **AND**
- It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving (48 hours since last episode of vomiting or diarrhea, if they experienced these symptoms).

**All household members must isolate for 14 days from the affected individual's symptom onset.** If they become symptomatic, testing is recommended. If testing is not done, they must isolate an additional 10 days from their symptom onset.

It is important to note that the diagnosis of another infection does not exclude the possibility of also being infected with COVID-19. Being tested will reduce the risk of unknowingly spreading COVID-19.



## Positive COVID-19 Test Result

Staff/student/child who receives a positive test result for COVID-19 will receive daily follow up from Hastings Prince Edward Public Health.

An individual who receives a positive test result for COVID-19 must remain in isolation until clearance conditions have been met, as advised by public health based on the most current guidance.

**Please note:** clearance testing and/or medical notes are not required to return to school, as long as all clearance conditions have been met.