

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. Household members who are fully vaccinated* and do not have symptoms do not typically need to isolate unless they develop symptoms, but should seek testing and monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop, they must isolate. All household members who are not fully vaccinated must isolate until symptomatic individual receives negative results.



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 (48 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms).
- 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, they must isolate for 10 days, even if they receive a negative test result. If the student has travelled out of the country in the past 14 days and is not vaccinated, they must isolate for 14 days, even if their test result is negative.



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 (even if vaccinated) **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 for gastrointestinal symptoms).

Non or partially immunized household members must isolate for 10 days from their last exposure to the symptomatic individual.

Household members that are not able to isolate from the symptomatic individual must isolate an additional 10 days (for a total of 20 days from the time the symptomatic individual developed symptoms), even if they themselves don't develop symptoms.

If household members develop symptoms, testing is recommended. If testing is not done, they must isolate for 10 from their own symptom onset.



Positive COVID-19 Test Result

Staff/student/child who receive a positive test result for COVID-19 will be contacted directly by Hastings Prince Edward Public Health.

An individual who receives a positive test result for COVID-19 must remain in isolation (even if vaccinated) 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.

*Individuals who are fully vaccinated (it has been 14 days since their last dose, who are household members of a symptomatic individual, or a close contact of a case of COVID-19, do not typically need to isolate. However, public health will assess each close contact for potential risk. Guidance from public health must be followed, including isolation requirements, if directed. .