

**Note:** With any symptom(s) of illness – **COVID-19 related or not** – sick individuals stay home and seek assessment from their regular health care provider if required.

## Symptoms develop at home

### Child/student/staff:

Follow directions outlined in the daily **COVID-19 school and child care screening tool**. Report absence to child care and/or school.

## Symptoms develop at school or on bus (upon arrival)

### Child/student:

Alert school staff member designated to care for symptomatic children/students.

### Staff:

Notify school administration promptly. If required, supervision of children/students for ill staff must be arranged.

Follow directions outlined in the daily **COVID-19 school and child care screening tool**.

## Caring for a symptomatic individual at school

- Student goes to the isolation room as soon as possible. The isolation room should be a properly ventilated, enclosed space separate from other people. It must be equipped with medical masks, hand sanitizer, tissues, a lined garbage bin and PPE.
- Staff member caring for student must properly put on PPE (medical mask and eye protection as a minimum) before entering the room with the student. A gown should be worn if direct contact is likely.
- Student to wear mask. Medical mask is preferred, if well fitted.
- Staff member supervises student while maintaining physical distance when possible.
- Parent/guardian must be contacted for immediate student pick up.
- If the student has ONE of the most Common Symptoms, or TWO of the Other Symptoms, siblings and other household members must be dismissed UNLESS they are under 18 and fully vaccinated, 18+ and have received their booster dose, or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days.
- Provide the **Student with Symptoms of COVID-19** letter to the child/student/staff or parent/guardian.
- Provide take home PCR self-collection kits or rapid antigen tests if available.
- PPE must be properly removed and thrown out or cleaned after use when caring for a symptomatic individual. The isolation room must be cleaned and disinfected after use.

## Communication with parents/guardians regarding next steps

Instruct parent/guardian to follow directions outlined in the **Student with Symptoms of COVID-19** letter. They can also refer to the provincial **COVID-19 school and child care screening tool** and/or seek the advice of the child/student's health care provider.