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Updated COVID-19 Resource for Schools

Please be advised that we have a new decision tool to help parents and caregivers decide what to do if their child fails a school screening for COVID-19.

The new [COVID-19 Decision Tool for Parents/Caregivers](#) replaces the previous Return to School Decision Tree for Families.

The tool uses five scenarios to help parents and caregivers better identify what actions to take based on their child's situation that day:

- Scenario 1: The child develops **NEW** symptoms of fever/chills, cough, difficulty breathing, or loss of taste/smell
- Scenario 2: The child develops **TWO** symptoms of sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, headache, nausea/vomiting/ diarrhea, or muscle aches/fatigue
- Scenario 3: The child develops **ONE** symptom of sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, headache, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, or muscle aches/fatigue
- Scenario 4: The child is a **CLOSE CONTACT** of someone with COVID-19 as confirmed by public health
- Scenario 5: The child has **TRAVELLED** outside of Canada

Each scenario will prompt a **required action** for parents and caregivers to take. Please review the attached resource and share as appropriate.

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