

Your child has been tested for COVID-19.

Follow up steps for children who attend school or child care centres.

Results may be available in 24 – 48 hours but sometimes take longer.

Check for your child's results here: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca>.

If you cannot get the website to work, please try a different browser.

Children are required to self-isolate while waiting for the test results*. For advice on caring for a child while they are in self-isolation please visit our website. **If your child's symptoms get worse**, call your health care provider or Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000. If your child's symptoms become **SEVERE** (for example, high fever or shortness of breath), go to your nearest emergency room or call 911.

* If household members feel well, testing and self-isolation are not needed unless directed by your health care provider or public health. Please check yourself for symptoms regularly

What if your child has tested positive for COVID-19?

- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, public health will call you. They will ask questions about your child's health and their close contacts.
- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be advised by public health when it's safe to return to school or child care.

What if your ill child has tested negative for COVID-19?

- If your ill child tests negative and is self-isolating following a **high-risk exposure** (e.g., close contact of a known COVID-19 case or travel out of the country), your child must not return until the end of their **14-day self-isolation period** as they may still be incubating the virus.
- If your ill child tests negative and has no known high-risk exposure, and was not advised by the public health unit or health care provider to self-isolate:
 - Your child may return to school or child care if they do not have a fever (without medication) and symptoms have been improving for 24 hours.
- If COVID-19 symptoms get worse or keep going for a long time, your child should stay home from school and seek medical attention; consider repeating the test.

Do I need a note from a doctor before my child goes back to school/child care or a copy of a negative test result? No. Medical notes or proof of negative tests should not be required for students to return to school or child care.