

# COVID-19 Decision Tool for Schools and Parents / Caregivers
















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**EACH DAY** complete the COVID-19 School Screening Tool before school  
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>







If your child **FAILS** the Screen, follow these steps:

Scenario 1	Parent/Caregiver Action
<p>Your child has any <b>ONE</b> of these symptoms:</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               fever  <small>(37.8 °C or 100 °F or higher)</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               cough         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               hard to breathe         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               decrease/loss taste or smell         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               sore throat         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               stuffy/runny nose         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               headache         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               nausea vomiting diarrhea         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               muscle aches         </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 5px;">               very tired         </div> </div>	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child and all household members <b>MUST stay home</b>.</li> <li>Sick child <b>should get tested</b>.</li> <li>While waiting for test results, all household members <b>MUST stay home</b> and cannot go to school or work until COVID-19 has been ruled out.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">CALL AND BOOK A COVID-19 TEST:</p> <p><b>Woodstock Hospital Assessment Centre, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Assessment Centre, or Alexandra Hospital Ingersoll Assessment Centre</b>              1-855-905-6148</p> <p><u><a href="#">St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital COVID-19 Assessment Centre</a></u>              519-631-2030 ext. 6210</p> <p><b>West Elgin Community Health Centre</b>              519-857-2683</p> <p><u><a href="#">Carling Heights Community Centre, London</a></u>              519-685-8500 ext. 75503</p> <p><u><a href="#">Oakridge Arena, London</a></u>              519-667-6886</p>
<p><b>IF child's COVID-19 test is POSITIVE.</b></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>	<div style="text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">  </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health will contact you and let you know what to do.</li> <li>Child and all people who live together <b>MUST stay home</b>, self-isolate*, and follow public health advice.</li> </ol>
<p><b>IF child's COVID-19 test is NEGATIVE.</b></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child can go back to school once <b>ALL</b> of the following apply:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They have been feeling better for 24 hours</li> <li>They do not have a fever without using medication</li> <li>They were not in close physical contact with someone who has COVID-19</li> </ul> </li> <li>All people in the house can go back to school and work if they are well and there are no other pending results for other household members.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> A child or household members who are a close contact of a COVID-19 case <b>cannot</b> go back to school/work, even if they tested negative. See Scenario 2 for more information.</p>
<p><b>IF child was not tested.</b></p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child <b>MUST</b> stay home.</li> <li>Child <b>MUST</b> self-isolate away from others for 10 days from the day symptoms started.</li> <li>All members of your household must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days from when your child developed symptoms.</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> A child may only be able to return to school earlier than 10 days if <b>ALL</b> the following apply: a doctor diagnosed the child with another illness, the child does not have a fever (without using medication), and it has been at least 24 hours since the symptoms started improving.</p>

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Scenario 2	Parent/Caregiver Action
<p>Child is a close contact of a COVID-19 case (confirmed by public health).</p> 	 <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Child that is a close contact <b>MUST</b> stay home.</li><li>2. Child that is a close contact <b>MUST</b> self-isolate <b>away</b> from others in the home. If self-isolation away from others in the home is <b>not</b> possible, those in contact with the child <b>MUST</b> also self-isolate.</li><li>3. Household members who are well AND isolating away from the child that is a close contact can <b>ONLY</b> leave the household for essential reasons. Essential reasons include:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Attending work/school/childcare</li><li>b. Essential errands such as groceries, attending medical appointments or picking up prescriptions.</li></ol></li><li>4. If anyone in the household develops symptoms, everyone in the home <b>MUST</b> stay home and self-isolate until the individual with symptoms receives a negative COVID-19 test, or is provided with an alternative diagnosis from a health care provider.</li><li>5. Public Health will give direction on self-isolation and when child can return to regular activities.</li><li>6. Have your child that is a close contact tested for COVID-19, 7 days after their exposure, even if they do not have symptoms.</li><li>7. If child that is a close contact tests negative, the child <b>MUST</b> still complete the full self-isolation period.</li></ol>
Scenario 3	Parent/Caregiver Action
<p>Child or anyone in the household has travelled outside of Canada.</p> 	 <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Child cannot go to school.</li><li>2. Child <b>MUST</b> self-isolate for 14 days. Household members <b>SHOULD</b> stay home for 14 days too.</li><li>3. Child can return to school after 14 days if no symptoms and pass screening tool.</li><li>4. If child develops symptoms of COVID-19 while self-isolating, child should be tested.</li></ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Anyone who travels outside of Canada <b>MUST</b> self-isolate in accordance with provincial and federal legislation.</p>

\*Self-Isolate means: stay home and avoid contact with other people.