

COVID-19 Parent/Caregiver Screening Tool - Should My Child Attend School?

Use this tool daily to help determine if your student can attend school. If possible, screen your child using the online tool - <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

This version is current as of September 15, 2020 and replicates the provincial electronic version. Please note that this tool may change in the future.

Please answer all the questions in order until you receive specific instructions in the survey for your child.

1. Is your child currently experiencing any of these symptoms?

Choose any/all that are new, worsening, and not related to other known causes or conditions.

- **Fever** - Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- **Chills**
- **Cough that's new or worsening** - Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, COPD)
- **Barking cough, making a whistling noise when breathing** - Croup, not related to other known causes or conditions
- **Shortness of breath** - Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, asthma)
- **Sore throat** - Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, seasonal allergies, acid reflux)
- **Difficulty swallowing** - Painful swallowing, not related to other known causes or conditions
- **Runny nose** - Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather)
- **Stuffy or congested nose** - Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, seasonal allergies)
- **Decrease or loss of taste or smell** - Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, allergies, neurological disorders)
- **Pink eye** - Conjunctivitis, not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, reoccurring styes)
- **Headache that's unusual or long lasting** - Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, tension-type headaches, chronic migraines)
- **Digestive issues like nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain** - Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety in children, menstrual cramps)
- **Muscle aches that are unusual or long lasting** - Not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, a sudden injury, fibromyalgia)
- **Extreme tiredness that is unusual** - Fatigue, lack of energy, not related to other known causes or conditions (for example, depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction)
- **Sluggishness or lack of appetite** - For young children and infants

- YES** Proceed to question two
- NO** Proceed to question three

2. Are their symptoms normal for them (related to a known cause or condition)?

- YES** Proceed to question three
- NO** Do not go to school - inform the school of this result

3. Has your child travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?

- YES** Do not go to school - inform the school of this result
- NO** Proceed to question four

4. In the last 14 days, has your child tested positive for COVID-19?

- YES** Do not go to school - inform the school of this result
- NO** Proceed to question five



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5. In the last 14 days, has your child been in close physical contact with someone who currently has COVID-19?

This includes getting a COVID Alert exposure notification. Close physical contact means:

- being less than 2 metres away in the same room, workspace, or area
- living in the same home
- being in the same classroom

- YES** Do not go to school - inform the school of this result
- NO** Proceed to question six

6. Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you your child should currently be isolating (staying at home?)

- YES** Do not go to school - inform the school of this result
- NO** Go to school

Your child must self-isolate if:

- Your child was told to get tested for COVID-19 by a health care provider or public health and you are waiting for results.
- Your child had a COVID-19 test due to the results of this screening tool and you are waiting for results.
- You have been told by a health care provider or the health unit that your child needs to self-isolate.
- Your child may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- You have returned from anywhere outside of Canada within the past 14 days.

Visit our website for information on how to self-isolate: <https://www.nwhu.on.ca/covid19/Pages/self-isolation.aspx>



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