

COVID-19 Return to School or Child Care: Protocol for Employees/Visitors

While a staff/visitor is waiting for COVID-19 test results, they must remain in self-isolation and cannot attend school/ child care in person. All household members who are not fully vaccinated must isolate until the symptomatic individual receives negative results.

Household members who are fully vaccinated (received 2nd dose of vaccine at least 14 days ago) or were previously positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days and have been cleared by public health, and do not have symptoms do not need to isolate. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate and seek testing.

Negative COVID-19 Test Result



If staff/visitor receives a negative test result, they may return to school/ work if all three of the following are true:

They do not have a fever (without taking medication)

AND

Symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours

AND

They have not been in close physical contact with a person who currently has COVID-19

Follow District School Board direction for return to school documentation requirements.

Note: If staff/visitor is not fully immunized for COVID-19 and has travelled out of country, they will need to remain in isolation until 14 days have passed since their last exposure even if they have a negative test result.

Not Tested for COVID-19



If the staff/ visitor received an alternate diagnosis from their primary health care provider:

OR

If the staff/ visitor self-isolated for 10 days from the start of their symptom(s):

They can return to school/ work if they do not have a fever and symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours

Follow District School Board direction for return to school documentation requirements.

Positive COVID-19 Test Result



If the staff/ visitor received a positive COVID-19 test result, they can return to school/ work when:

They have completed 10 days of isolation after symptom onset

AND

They do not have a fever (without taking medication)

AND

Symptoms have been improving for At least 24 hours or 48 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea)

AND

Follow up has been completed and they have been cleared by their local public health unit.

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