

Return to School or Child Care

Child Received NEGATIVE COVID-19 Test Result

Your child can return to school,
or childcare if:

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

They have not been directed by
public health to self-isolate at
home

***All unvaccinated household
members must self-isolate while
symptomatic person is awaiting
test results. Once the person with
symptoms receives a negative
COVID-19 test result, household
members may return to
work/school/child care**

Child Was NOT Tested for COVID-19

Your child can return to
school or child care if:

They received an
alternate diagnosis from
a health care provider.

***Unvaccinated household
members can also stop
isolating and return to
school/child care once the
child is provided with an
alternate diagnosis.**

OR

Your child self isolated for 10
days from the start of
symptoms.

***All unvaccinated household
members of the symptomatic
child who was not tested must
self-isolate for 10 days from
their last contact with them
(and be able to pass screening
tool before returning to
school/childcare/day camp).**

In either case:

Your child must not have a fever and
symptoms have been improving for
at least 24 hours or 48 hours if
nausea, vomiting or diarrhea to
return to school or child care.

Child Received POSITIVE COVID-19 Test Result

Your child can return to school
or child care 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 if nausea, vomiting
or diarrhea

AND

They have been cleared by
Public Health.

***All unvaccinated household
members must self-isolate
for 10 days from last
exposure/contact with
individual who tested
positive.**

**Follow public health guidance on
testing requirements.**

While student/child 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 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 in the past 90 days, and do not have symptoms do not need to isolate. If they develop symptoms, they should isolate and seek testing.

Medical documentation is not required to return to school or child care.

TESTING

Assessment centres are located throughout the Local District and are listed on the LPHU's website. [COVID-19 testing locations Ontario](#)

NOT TESTING

It is difficult for a health care provider to rule out COVID-19 without a test. The actions you take to understand your child's symptoms will impact when they can return to school or childcare. **Children who are tested may be able to return to school or daycare sooner than if they are not tested.**

If the screening tool indicates that your child should be tested for COVID-19 and/or should seek medical assessment, if required, and you choose to have your child assessed by a health care provider:

- Then, if the healthcare provider gives an alternate diagnosis (i.e. not COVID), your child can return to school and/or child care after symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours, or 48 hours for gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea).
- If the health care provider gives an alternate diagnosis which is non-infectious, they can return to school and/or child care prior to symptom improvement.

HOW TO VIEW TEST RESULTS

For test results, visit covid-19.ontario.ca and click on "check your lab results" or check other laboratory online portals you already subscribe to (e.g. Life Labs, Dynacare).

Visit your LPHU website for more information:

Peterborough Public Health – www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca

Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit – www.hkpr.on.ca

Durham Region Health Unit – www.durham.ca