Symptomatic Student at School Decision Guide

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STUDENT becomes ill at school

Student goes to isolation room

Staff supervising student uses PPE kit

School calls parent/guardian to pick up student

School identifies if other household contacts are within the school

Student and other household contacts picked up at school; OPH letter re: ***"Child Presented With Symptoms"*** given. Student and household contacts self-isolate at home.

IPAC measures: deep clean isolation room as per ministry guidelines

IPAC – Infection Prevention and Control
PPE – Personal Protective Equipment
HCP – Healthcare Provider
OPH – Ottawa Public Health

OR

Is the student experiencing **one** Tier 1 symptom *or* **two or more** Tier 2 symptoms?

Did the student with symptoms get tested based on screening or recommendationtions?

YES

Student with symptoms and household contacts stay isolated at home.

Result received

Positive

Student with positive test result and household contacts remain in isolation and follows OPH guidance.

Negative

Household contacts who are symptom-free can end their self-isolation and the child may return to school/child care 24 hours after symptoms have resolved* OR 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhea have resolved.

NO

Student with symptoms must self-isolate for a minimum of **10 days** and symptoms resolved* for 24 hrs OR 48 hrs for vomiting or diarrhea, before returning. Household contacts must self-isolate for a minimum of **14 days.**

Is the student experiencing **one** Tier 2 symptom?

The student should stay home for at least 24 hours from when the symptom started. Household contacts must also isolate at home while monitoring your child's symptom.

The symptom has persisted, worsened, or the student has developed an additional symptom(s).

Go to a COVID-19 assessment centre or care clinic to get tested as soon as possible. Household contacts must continue self-isolation.

OR

Contact your child's health care provider for further advice, assessment, or other treatment. Household contacts must continue self-isolation.

A physician or nurse practitioner concludes the symptoms are not from COVID-19 and provides an alternative diagnosis AND 24 hours have passed after symptoms have resolved* ; 48 hours if symptoms of vomiting or diarrhea. Household contacts who are symptom-free can end their self-isolation when the alternative diagnosis by a physician or nurse practitioner is received.

The symptom is improving and student has had no fever for 24 hours OR no vomiting or diarrhea for 48hrs.

The student may return to school/ childcare when they feel well enough to do so. A negative COVID-19 test is not required to return. Household contacts who are symptom-free can also end self-isolation.

***NOTE:** Mild symptoms like a runny nose do not have to be completely gone when your child returns to school provided the mild symptom is improving and other symptoms have stopped.