

Student/Staff Deemed a Probable Case of COVID-19

Probable Case is a high-risk contact who develops COVID-19 symptoms and has not been tested or is awaiting test results for COVID-19.

Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) is notified of a probable case and contacts the staff or student (or student's parent/guardian) to conduct case and contact management.



DRHD COVID-19 Lead or designate will contact School Board COVID-19 Lead to inform of probable case.



School public health nurse contacts school principal to begin contact management.

Students/staff who are a probable case of COVID-19 will remain in isolation until:

- 1) They test negative, complete their 14 days of isolation, and can pass the school self-screening tool.
OR
- 2) If they test positive for COVID-19, please see Student/Staff Positive for COVID-19 flowchart
OR
- 3) If they decline testing, they are treated as a positive case. Please see Student/Staff Positive for COVID-19 flowchart.

Students or staff do not need clearance testing or medical notes to return to school.

Working with the school PHN, school administrator provides contact information to DRHD for student/staff who are a probable case of COVID-19 (**within 24 hours of request**)



DRHD will:

- 1) Perform risk assessment of contacts (cohorts) of probable case and will advise all contacts of need for self-isolation or self-monitoring.
- 2) Support school/school board with parent communication



School distributes communication to parents, guardians, and staff and implements infection prevention and control measures

Information needed may include:

- Attendance records
- Class/cohort lists and seating charts
- Before/after school child care lists
- Transportation lists & seating charts
- Current contact info for students/staff
- Special assignments/programs/activities (e.g. Special Education)
- Records of essential visitors

Note: DRHD is responsible for conducting case and contact management activities and measures will be taken to ensure privacy and avoid disclosure of details to the school community that would lead to identification of a COVID -19 laboratory confirmed case. The cohort of the probable case will be dismissed until further notice and additional direction will be provided by DRHD.

Notes:

DRHD will be responsible for conducting case and contact management activities. Measures will be taken to ensure privacy and avoid disclosure of details to the school community that would lead to the identification of a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 case.

District boards and schools are required to post information to their websites if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 that involves a student or staff member in a school setting. In the interests of privacy, information provided to school communities will not identify the student or staff member that has received a positive COVID-19 test. DRHD will post outbreaks on their COVID-19 dashboard/website.

DRHD has provided school boards with information that can be used to communicate with their school community. The purpose of this communication would be to provide reassurance and guidance and would **not** provide specific information or identifying details.

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