

My Child Did Not Pass the COVID-19 Daily Screening. Now What?

(Please see <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening> for symptoms and daily screening.)

If your child has a **ONE** new or worsening symptom (not related to a known cause or condition):

- Fever and/or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Decreased or loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat or difficulty swallowing
- Runny or stuffy/congested nose
- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea*
- Extreme tiredness or muscle aches

STOP

Your child must not attend school or child care.

Next Steps:

1. Contact the school/child care to let them know about this result.
2. Your child and entire household must **isolate** (stay home) and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency.
3. Seek **COVID-19 testing** through an assessment centre and/or medical advice for your child, if required.

All household members must remain home while symptomatic person is awaiting test results or an alternative diagnosis.

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If **your** child or **household member** has travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days

OR

If **your child** has been:

identified as a close contact of someone who is confirmed as having COVID-19

OR

directed by a healthcare provider or public health to isolate

STOP

Your child must not attend school or child care.

Next Steps:

1. Contact the school/child care to let them know about this result.
2. Your child must **isolate** (stay home) and follow the direction of the Durham Region Health Department.
3. If your child develops symptoms, seek **COVID-19 testing** through an assessment centre and/or medical advice for your child, if required.

All household members must remain home while symptomatic person is awaiting test results or an alternative diagnosis.

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When Can My Child Return to School or Child Care?

If your child was advised to isolate immediately and to **visit a COVID-19 assessment centre for testing** and/or seek medical advice, if required, then follow the steps below to determine when they can return to school.

Negative COVID 19 Test Result

If your child was tested for COVID-19, they are required to self-isolate until test results are available, even if they are feeling better.

If the test results are **negative**, your child may return to school or child care when:

- Fever free for 24 hours (without taking medication)

AND

- 24 hours since symptoms* started improving

AND

- Able to pass the School and Child Care Screening

Not Tested COVID 19

Alternative Diagnosis

If your child receives an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider that is not related to COVID-19, they can return to school or child care when:

- Fever- free for 24 hours (without taking medication)

AND

- 24 hours since symptoms* started improving

AND

- Able to pass the School and Child Care Screening

OR

Positive COVID 19 Test Result

If your child received a positive COVID-19 test result, they can return to school or child care when:

They have completed 10 days of isolation after the onset of symptoms

AND

- Fever- free for 24 hours (without taking medication)

AND

- 24 hours since symptoms* started improving

AND

- Public health informs them that isolation is no longer required

If your child was not tested for COVID-19 and has not been given an alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider, they can return to school or child care when:

- They have completed 10 days of self-isolation from symptom onset

AND

- Fever- free for 24 hours (without taking medication)

AND

- 24 hours since symptoms* started improving

AND

- Able to pass the School and Child Care Screening
- All household members must isolate for 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic child.



***If your child's symptoms include nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea, you should keep your child home until they are symptom free for 48 hours to prevent other illnesses from spreading.**

Medical documentation is not required to return to school.

SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE SCREENING

All students must self-screen before attending school every day. To access the School and Child Care Screening Tool, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>.

HAVE YOUR CHILD TESTED

Assessment centres are located throughout Durham Region and listed on durham.ca/novelcoronavirus.

HOW TO GET YOUR CHILD'S 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).

WHAT DOES A NEGATIVE TEST MEAN?

If your child tests negative for COVID-19, it means the test could not identify the virus at the time their sample was collected. It does not mean that they will not be exposed to, test positive for or become sick with COVID-19 at any time after their test.

Contact Durham Health Connection Line if you have any questions 7 days a week
1-800-841-2729

