

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

AND

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

All household members must quarantine 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/childcare.

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.

Household members can also stop isolating and return to school/child care once the child was provided with an alternate diagnosis.

OR

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

All household members of the symptomatic child who was not tested must quarantine for 14 days from their last contact with them (and be able to pass screening tool before returning to school/childcare).

In either case:

Your child must not have a fever and symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours to return to school.

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

AND

They have been cleared by Public Health.

All household members must quarantine for 14 days from last exposure/contact with individual who tested positive.

Household members are recommended to go for a COVID-19 test immediately, and if they receive a negative test result, re-test on or after day 10 of quarantine.

Medical documentation is not required to return to school.

Quarantine means to stay at home.

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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 childcare and/or school. **Children who are tested may be able to return to child care or school 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.
- 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](https://www.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's website for more information:

Peterborough Public Health – www.peterboroughpublichealth.ca

Durham Region Health Department – www.durham.ca

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

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