

Symptomatic Students FAQs



What do I do if my child has a symptom?

Following Public Health advice, your child **CAN ATTEND** school if they only have **ONE** COVID-19 symptom.

If your child had a **FEVER**, they must stay home fever-free for **24 HOURS** without the use of fever-reducing medication.

If your child had **DIARRHEA or VOMITTING**, they must stay home until **48 HOURS** have passed since their last episode.

If your child has **ONE** or **MORE** symptoms of COVID-19, you can either:

1. Register them online for a test by clicking “Get tested” on the GNB coronavirus website (www.gnb.ca/coronavirus),
2. Contact Tele-Care 811, **or**
3. Contact your primary care provider.

The 811 operators or primary care provider will evaluate your child before sending them for testing.

Note: Children who have been identified by their primary care provider as having seasonal allergies or who suffer from chronic runny nose/nasal congestion are not required to be excluded based on these symptoms.



Can my child go to school when a member of the household has two or more symptoms?

Your child **CAN ATTEND** school if someone in your household has two or more COVID-19 symptoms, providing the person with symptoms is following Public Health advice on self-isolation.

The exception to the rule is: If any member of the household has travelled outside of New Brunswick in the past 14 days **AND** develops symptoms, your child **CAN NOT ATTEND** school.



What happens if my child has a cold, or develops cold symptoms during the school day?

If your child becomes ill during the school day with **TWO** or **MORE** COVID-19 symptoms, the school will notify you. You will need to pick up your child from school within an hour of notification.

It is important that you have an alternative plan for pick up in case of an emergency.

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Can my child go to school while waiting for COVID-19 test results?

If your child has **TWO** or **MORE** COVID-19 symptoms and is waiting for test results, they should stay home and self-isolate until they get their results.

If your child does **NOT** have two or more COVID-19 symptoms but they have been tested, medical professionals at the testing site will advise you when your child can return to school.



My child tested negative for COVID-19. When can they go back to school?

If your child has tested negative for COVID-19, they can return to school once they are feeling better, unless they have been advised to stay home by Public Health.



My child tested positive for COVID-19. What do I do?

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, Public Health will contact you directly. You will be asked for information to help determine who your child has been in contact with when they may have been contagious or where they may have come in contact with the virus. They will also advise you about requirements for self-isolation.



I am concerned that my child has come into contact with someone who may have COVID-19. What should we do?

Public Health will contact you if your child has been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Public Health will tell you if your child needs to stay home from school.



When can my child go back to school after testing positive for COVID-19?

Public Health will advise you when it is safe for your child to return to school.

Public Health will also advise your child's school that it is okay for them to return.