

MY CHILD HAS 1 OR MORE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

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- Notify your child's school/child care that they have one or more symptoms.
- Your child should stay home, self-isolate and get tested.
- Anyone in the household who is not fully vaccinated (14 days after receiving the 2nd dose) must also stay home and self-isolate until the child's test is negative.

What was the result of your child's COVID-19 test?

POSITIVE

- Let your child's school/child care know that they tested positive for COVID-19.
- Your child must stay home and self-isolate for 10 days from the day their symptoms started.
- Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated household members and close contacts must also self-isolate for at least 10 days.
- The Timiskaming Health Unit will contact you to do an investigation and will provide further instructions.

NEGATIVE

- Your child may return to school/child care provided that they do not have a fever and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours (or at least 48 hours after their last bout of vomiting/ diarrhea has resolved).
- Siblings can return to school/child care right away as long as they do not have symptoms.
- Household members can return to school and work right away as long as they do not have symptoms.

NOT TESTED

- Your child must stay home and self-isolate for 10 days from the day their symptoms started.
- After 10 days, they can go back to school/child care if their symptoms are improving.
- Unvaccinated/partially vaccinated household members will stay home for 10 days from their last contact with the symptomatic child.

Alternative Diagnosis

If testing is not recommended, and/or an alternative diagnosis is provided by a health care provider, household members can end their isolation and your child may return to school/child care if they are meeting the following criteria:

- They do not have a fever (without using medication); AND
- Their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or at least 48 hours after their last bout of vomiting/diarrhea has resolved); AND
- They were not directed to self-isolate by their local Public Health unit after having close contact with someone who currently has COVID-19.

To find out more information on how to safely self-isolate with a child, please refer to Public Health Ontario's [fact sheet](#).