

# Spring Break FAQ



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## **ARE STUDENTS AND STAFF REQUIRED TO SELF-SCREEN OVER THE SPRING BREAK?**

Everyone should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 every day. If even ONE symptom occurs, stay home, self-isolate and contact your local assessment centre for testing. Household members of someone who has symptoms must also stay home and isolate.

## **WHAT IS THE PROCESS IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBERS DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS, OR TESTS POSITIVE OVER THE SPRING BREAK?**

When a student or staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19 they should stay home, self-isolate and contact their local assessment centre for testing. All household members of someone who has symptoms must also stay home and isolate. If the symptomatic individual tests negative for COVID-19, all household members can resume regular activities.

If the symptomatic individual tests positive for COVID-19, the Timiskaming Health Unit will follow-up with the person directly to complete case and contact management. The school and school board will be notified if the case attended school or childcare during their infectious period and if there is a risk to the school community.

## **WHAT ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES?**

Maintain physical distance by staying two metres apart from people you don't live with, wear a mask or face covering in indoor public spaces, avoid non-essential travel outside your community and always stay home if you have symptoms. Follow the COVID-19 zone guidance and gathering limits for your area: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions#restrict>.

## **ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS TO FOLLOW WHEN STUDENTS RETURN TO THE CLASSROOM AFTER THE SPRING BREAK?**

Continue to follow proper hand-hygiene, physical distancing of 2 metres and mask wearing protocols. Students and staff should also complete the school and childcare screening tool every morning before attending school. Students and staff should only attend school or childcare settings if they pass the screening tool.

