

Symptomatic Individual Information

A child or staff member in your child care setting has had at least one symptom that may be caused by COVID-19.

What should you do next?

Are the individual's symptoms related to other causes or conditions that are not new to them? (for example, allergies, asthma, anxiety, etc.)

- **IF YES**, the individual may return when feeling well and can pass the Screening Tool.
- **IF NO**, the individual should go get tested at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre:
 - Guelph (400 Southgate Dr.)
 - Orangeville (140 Rolling Hills Drive via Highway 10)
 - Fergus (Legacy Groves, 235 Union St. E.)
 - Visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/> to find the nearest assessment centre.
- The individual should self-isolate at home except to get tested or for a medical emergency.
- Avoid contact with others (including household members) as much as possible.
- If you have questions, call your health care provider or Telehealth (**1-866-797-0000**).

What should the individual do while waiting for the test results?

- Remain in self-isolation and avoid contact with others as much as possible.

What happens if the test result is NEGATIVE?

Those who receive a negative COVID-19 result should not return until:

- It has been at least 24 hours since symptoms started improving, **AND**
- Individual does not have a fever (without using medication).
- **NOTE:** mild symptoms known to persist in young children (e.g., runny nose) may be ongoing at time of return to child care IF other symptoms have been resolved.
- Documented proof of the negative test is not required to return.
- Siblings (or other household members) of the child may attend child care if they pass the COVID-19 screening tool.

What happens if the test result is POSITIVE?

- Public Health will contact you to provide guidance on what to do. They will also ask questions to find out who may have come into contact with the ill individual in the last two weeks.
- The ill individual may return following the guidance provided by public health which will include:
 - Individual has isolated for 14 days after the onset of symptoms, **AND**
 - Individual does not have a fever (without using medication), **AND**
 - It has been at least 72 hours since their symptoms have started improving
- The individual does not need to present a medical note to return.

**household contacts of these individuals should self-isolate for 14 days from last contact*

What happens if the ill individual does not get tested?

- The individual must isolate for 14 days, unless **ALL** the following apply:
 - A health care provider diagnosed them with another illness, **AND**
 - They do not have a fever (without using medication), **AND**
 - It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving.
- The individual does not need to present a medical note to return
- Siblings (or other household members) of the child may attend child care as long as they have no symptoms and are able to pass the COVID-19 screening Tool. They should self-monitor and/or be monitored by their parent/guardian for symptoms. They should isolate immediately if they begin to show symptoms.

Note: The child care centre should refer to the [Childhood Illness Reference Guide for Schools and Child Care Centres](#) for direction on exclusion requirements if the child has been diagnosed with an infectious disease other than COVID-19.

How do you get more information?

If you need more information you can go to Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health's website at wdgpublichealth.ca or contact PHI.Intake@wdgpublichealth.ca or call **519-822-2715, ext. 4753**.