

RETURN TO SCHOOL/CHILDCARE/WORK GUIDANCE FOLLOWING A POSITIVE SYMPTOM SCREEN FOR COVID-19 AND NO EXPOSURE

This guidance can be used by school, childcare and workplace staff to screen for COVID-19 symptoms

Symptoms consistent with COVID-19

Class A Symptoms

- Fever (defined as subjective or 100.4°F or higher)
- Cough
- Loss of sense of taste and/or smell
- Shortness of breath

Class B Symptoms

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea (defined as 2 or more loose stools in 24 hours)

Does the person have:

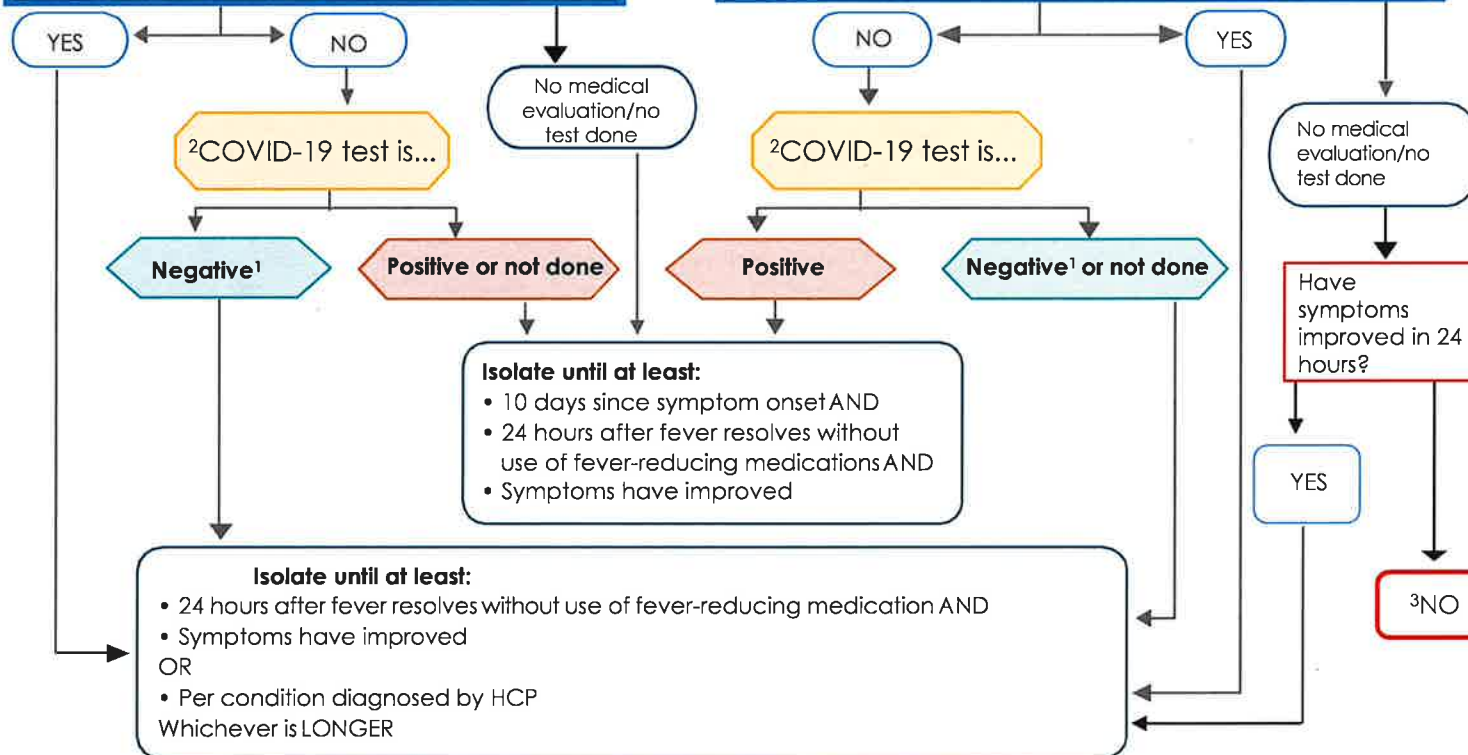
- Any class A symptom of any duration, or
- 2 or more class B symptoms of any duration, or
- 1 or more class B symptom(s) lasting more than 24 hours
- No known COVID-19 exposure in prior 14 days

- A new single Class B unexplained symptom consistent with COVID-19, AND
- No known COVID-19 exposure in prior 14 days

Medical evaluation and/or COVID test are recommended. Does a health care provider make an alternative diagnosis that explains all symptoms without performing a COVID-19 test?

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¹In symptomatic persons, a negative rapid test should be confirmed with a PCR test performed in a clinical laboratory. See [Interim Guidance for Rapid Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2](#) and [Considerations for Interpreting Antigen Test Results](#).



Other possible scenarios for Schools:

-Nursing staff may consider general complaints on a case-by-case basis (abdominal pain, fatigue, headache with no other symptoms).

-Nursing staff may consider chronic or recurring medical conditions that present with symptoms above on a case-by case basis.

