School and child care guidance for children or students with symptoms of illness

Note: With any symptom(s) of illness – **COVID-19 related or not** – sick individuals should stay home and seek assessment from their regular health care provider if required.

Caring for a symptomatic individual at school	
	Student goes to isolation room if available or ensure student is physically distanced from others while awaiting pick-up.
	Student should wear a medical mask.
	Staff member caring for student should wear a medical mask, eye protection and maintain physical distance when possible.
	Parent/guardian should be contacted for immediate student pick up.
	Provide the Student with symptoms of illness letter to the student or parent/guardian.
	COVID-19 testing is recommended for individuals at higher risk of severe illness. School supply of rapid antigen tests may be provided if needed or requested.
	PPE should be properly removed and thrown out or cleaned after use when caring for a symptomatic individual. The space occupied by the student should be cleaned and disinfected after use.

Communication with parents/guardians regarding next steps

Instruct parent/guardian to follow directions outlined in the **Student with symptoms of illness** letter. They can also refer to the provincial **School and child care screening tool** and seek the advice of the child/student's health care provider if needed.



