Return to School or Child Care Protocols for Children/Students when Testing is Recommended

While a child/student is waiting for COVID-19 test results, they must remain in self-isolation and cannot attend school in-person or child care.

- **Negative COVID-19 Test Result**
  - If child/student has tested negative for COVID-19 they can return to school or child care if **all of the following apply**:
    - They do not have a fever (without using medication)
    - It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving (48 hours since last episode of vomiting or diarrhea if child/student experienced these symptoms)
    - They were not in close physical contact with someone who currently has COVID-19
  - **Medical notes are not required to return to school, as long as all required conditions have been met.**
  - **Please note:** if a child/student has had known contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or the child/student has travelled out of country, they must isolate for 14 days (from their last exposure with the positive case or return from travel) and monitor for symptoms, even if they have a negative test result.

- **Not Tested for COVID-19**
  - If testing is recommended and a child/student is not tested, the child/student must isolate for 10 days from symptom onset, AND until:
    - The child/student does not have a fever (without using medication), AND
    - The child/student feels well enough to attend, AND
    - It has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started improving (48 hours since last episode of vomiting or diarrhea if child/student experienced these symptoms).
  - Household members of the symptomatic child/student must isolate for 14 days from the day the child/student’s symptoms started.
  - It is important to note that the diagnosis of another infection does not exclude the possibility of also being infected with COVID-19. Being tested will reduce the risk of unknowingly spreading COVID-19.

- **Positive COVID-19 Test Result**
  - Child/student with a positive test result for COVID-19 will receive daily follow up from KFL&A Public Health.
  - Child/student with a positive test result for COVID-19 must remain in isolation until clearance conditions have been met, as advised by public health based on the most current guidance.
  - **Please note:** medical notes are not required to return to school, as long as all conditions have been met.
  - A child/student who tests positive for COVID-19, does not require another test for 90 days, even if they are symptomatic again. In this case, the child/student should be excluded until 24 hours after symptom resolution (48 hours if symptoms included vomiting or diarrhea).