

Managing Children with COVID-19 Symptoms at a Child Care Setting Instructions for Staff

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Child presents with new or worsening symptoms consistent with COVID-19

- 1** Perform hand hygiene, put on a medical/surgical mask or a non-fit-tested N95 mask (if not already wearing one), and goggles or face shield, and immediately bring child to isolation room.
Gown and gloves are advised if bodily fluids are involved and/or 2m distance cannot be consistently maintained at all times. Refer to [Recommended Steps for Putting On and Taking Off PPE \(Personal Protective Equipment\)](#)
- 2** Provide child with a medical grade mask to be worn, if tolerated, and ensure child remains in isolation room until able to leave.
- 3** **Notify child's emergency contact and advise regarding:**
 - Symptoms child is experiencing
 - That child needs to be picked up ASAP. If child has only one of the secondary COVID-19 symptoms, siblings do not need to isolate. If child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, siblings do not need to isolate if they have previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days OR if they are under 18 yrs and fully vaccinated.**
 - Advise contact to complete the [COVID-19 School Screening Tool](#) with their child and follow guidance provided.
- 4** Monitor the child until they are picked up.
Maintain at least a 2m distance (if possible). Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette should be practiced while the ill individual is waiting to be picked up.
If child must use washroom, ensure it is vacant before use and that it is not used by others until it is cleaned and disinfected.
- 5** When child's emergency contact arrives, ensure a clear pathway to the exit and bring child to the door. Provide the flow chart "[You have symptoms. Now what?](#)" and the factsheet "[How to Self-Isolate](#)".
- 6** Once child has departed, remove PPE and seal in a bag for disposal.
Perform hand hygiene
Refer to [Recommended Steps for Putting On and Taking Off PPE](#)
- 7** Ensure that the isolation room and all items used by symptomatic student are cleaned and disinfected.
- 8** Child Care Settings are not required to report all ill individuals to the PHU. Child care centres are welcome to call the PHU if clarification is required.
 - Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit: 1-800-660-5853 – extension 2222

***Siblings who are not required to self-isolate must self-monitor for 10 days following last exposure, wear a mask outside the home, avoid activities that require mask removal in public (like playing a wind instrument or high contact sports), and avoid visiting high risk settings or anyone vulnerable. Distancing is encouraged when masks are removed to eat in a school or child care setting.*