## Return to School and Child Care Protocol for Individuals with COVID-19 Symptoms

IMPORTANT: Halton Region Public Health recommends that any individual with COVID-19 symptoms complete the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening daily and follow the direction provided from the results. (Note: the use of "individual" refers to a child, student or staff person).

## Individual is tested for COVID-19\* **Individual is NOT tested for COVID-19 Negative Test Result** Positive Test Result Visited health care provider Did not seek medical attention Can return to school/child care if The individual can return to school/ The individual can return to school/child Report case to Public Health. care if: health care provider says: child care if: As per direction from Public Health, they pass the School and Child Care symptoms are not due to They have completed 10 days the individual to self-isolate for 10 COVID-19 screening tool; and of isolation from symptom COVID-19: and days from symptom onset, or for they do not have a fever (without using onset (including isolation from 10 days from date of testing (if no testing is not recommended; household members) medication): and symptoms). and **Note:** all household contacts it has been at least 24 hours since their they do not have a fever **Public Health will contact all** must isolate until 14 days from symptoms started improving; and (without using medication); and positive cases and will instruct their last contact with the there is no known high-risk exposure; it has been at least 24 hours when it is safe to return to symptomatic individual; and and school/child care. since their symptoms started they pass the Ontario COVID-19 the individual is not advised by Halton improving. School and Child Care Region Public Health or health care Screening;\*\* and provider to self-isolate. Note: child/staff may return to they do not have a fever (without Documented proof of the negative the child care centre after the using medication); and test result is not required to return to appropriate exclusion period has it has been at least 24 hours school /child care. been followed (refer to Child Care

Health Resource Manual).

\*\*Families are to complete the screening tool 7 days a week and are to reflect back to the date of symptom onset when completing the tool. If a child had symptoms that resulted in a failed screen within last 10 days, and if not tested/cleared, they must self-isolate for 10 days from symptom onset as per COVID-10 Class Order.



**Note:** Mild symptoms known to persist

in young children (e.g. runny nose or mild cough that may persist following infections) may be ongoing at time

of return to school/child care if other

symptoms have resolved.



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