

Daily Health Check for Staff

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Staff must perform a daily health check and follow the directions as to when they must stay home:

SYMPTOMS	WHAT TO DO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (above 38°C) Chills Cough Loss of sense of smell or taste Difficulty breathing 	<p>1 or more of these symptoms: Get tested and stay home.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sore throat Loss of appetite Headache Body aches Extreme fatigue or tiredness Nausea or vomiting Diarrhea 	<p>If you have 1 symptom: Stay home until you feel better.</p> <p>2 or more of these symptoms: Stay home and wait 24 hours to see if you feel better. Get tested if not better after 24 hours.</p>
<p>If you are a close contact* of someone who has COVID-19 and have any of the symptoms listed above: Get tested and stay home.</p>	

* You will be notified by Island Health if you are a close contact. For more information on close contacts, go to: www.bccdc.ca/covid19closecontacts

When a **COVID-19 test is recommended** by the health assessment:

- If the COVID-19 test is **positive**, the person should stay home until they are told by public health to end their self-isolation. In most cases this is 10 days after the onset of symptoms. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- If the COVID-19 test is **negative**, the person can return to school once symptoms have improved and they feel well enough. Symptoms of common respiratory illnesses can persist for a week or more. Re-testing is not needed unless the person develops a new illness. **BCCDC** has information on receiving negative test results.
- If a COVID-19 test is **recommended but is not done** because the person or parent chooses not to have the test or a health assessment is not sought when recommended, and the person's symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, they should stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then may return if feeling well enough.

If a **COVID-19 test is not recommended** by the health assessment, the person can return to school when symptoms have improved and they feel well enough. Testing may not be recommended if the assessment determines that the symptoms are due to another cause (i.e. not COVID-19).

Stay Home When Required to Self-Isolate

The following students, staff or other persons **must stay home and self-isolate**:

- A person confirmed by public health as a case of COVID-19; or
- A person confirmed by public health as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak of COVID-19; or

Anyone required to self-isolate will be supported by public health. Additional information is available from **BCCDC**.

- If a staff member is concerned they do not have adequate sick leave available for the absence recommended by their health care provider and does not have a short term disability plan (SIP), they should contact their supervisor for approval to work from home or additional paid sick leave.
- If a staff member has been identified as a close contact by Island Health and has been directed to self isolate and they do not have symptoms, they should contact their supervisor about paid self-isolation leave.