

# HWDSB

## My Child Has Displayed COVID-19 Symptoms, Now What?

At Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB), we adopted enhanced health protocols to ensure that we can keep students, staff, and families as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic.

When a child displays a COVID-19 symptom – at school or at home – it is important to stay calm and to understand next steps.

For an overview of this process, please review the attached [flowcharts](#) – *Symptomatic Student at Home/School Decision Guides* – produced with Hamilton Public Health Services.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to book a COVID-19 test online at [www.hamiltoncovidtest.ca](http://www.hamiltoncovidtest.ca) or call 905-974-9848 and choose option 2, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

**Please inform your school about your COVID-19 test result.**

### When can my child return to school?

Please review the [Attestation for Return to School Following Illness](#) with your principal. This form will need to be completed and submitted to the school. Students who present symptoms will generally have to:

- receive a negative test to return to school
- if not tested, your child will need to isolate for at least 10 days
- be diagnosed with another illness

### What about other people at home?

Others in the home including siblings who attend school, even if they don't have symptoms, will have to stay home for 14 days unless the ill child receives a negative test or is diagnosed with another illness.

### How to continue learning, at home:

While your child is isolating at home, we want learning to continue. Please speak with your child's teacher or contact their school for learning materials and resources.

### COVID-19 Symptoms

Parent actions when a child becomes ill are outlined on the *Symptomatic Student at School or at Home Decision Guide* [flowcharts](#) and the [provincial school screening tool](#).

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## Key Contacts and Resources

### Provincial COVID-19 School and Childcare Screening Tool

[covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/](https://www.covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/)

### COVID Testing in Hamilton

[www.hamiltoncovidtest.ca](https://www.hamiltoncovidtest.ca)

### COVID-19 Resources at HWDSB, including forms

[www.hwdsb.on.ca/covid19](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/covid19)

### Hamilton Public Health COVID-19 hotline:

905-974-9848, [phscovid19@hamilton.ca](mailto:phscovid19@hamilton.ca) [www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus](https://www.hamilton.ca/coronavirus)

### HWDSB Social Workers

If you feel that your child could benefit from support, HWDSB social workers are available. Please speak with staff if this would be helpful.

### HWDSB Helps app

Get help or share anonymous tips, using:

- Text to 905-963-0066. Standard rates apply.
- The HWDSB Helps app for iOS and Android.
- Web chat

In case of emergency, call 911.

If you have questions about next steps, please contact your school, your family doctor, or Public Health.