



Symptomatic CHILD at Home

DECISION GUIDE



Self-screening at home

First thing in the morning, the parent/child completes the School and Child Care Screening and follows prompts.

Child becomes ill at home with ONE or more of the following symptoms: Fever and/or chills; Cough or barking cough (croup); Shortness of breath; Decrease or loss of taste or smell; Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

Child isolates at home and contacts health care provider for advice/assessment. Household & close contacts stay at home until child tests negative or is diagnosed with another illness. If household members are asymptomatic, not immunocompromised and fully vaccinated, they may continue going to essential activities (e.g. work, school, childcare).

Child tested for COVID-19?

Yes

Child with symptoms self-isolates at home. Unvaccinated or symptomatic household contacts stay home pending test result.

Test result received.

positive

negative

Child with positive test result remains in isolation and follows Hamilton Public Health Services guidance. Child cannot attend school/child care for at least 10 days. Household contacts must follow public health guidelines regarding isolation.

If child has no known high-risk exposure and has not been advised by public health to isolate: Child can return to school/child care when they do not have a fever (without the use of fever-reducing meds) GI symptoms have been improving for 48 hours, and all other symptoms have been improving for 24 hours. Household contacts must screen daily before attending school/child care or work.

No

Child with symptoms must self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days. Child can return to school/child care when they do not have a fever (without the use of fever-reducing meds), GI symptoms have been improving for 48 hours, and when all other symptoms have been improving for 24 hours. Household contacts must follow public health guidelines

Child has alternative diagnosis provided by health care provider.

Child isolates at home until they do not have a fever (without the use of fever-reducing meds), GI symptoms have been improving for 48 hours, and all other symptoms have been improving for 24 hours.

Return to school / child care