



Symptomatic CHILD at Home

DECISION GUIDE



Hamilton
Public Health Services



Self-screening at home

First thing in the morning, the parent/child completes the School and Childcare Screening and follows prompts: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>

Your child becomes ill at home with **ANY** of the following symptoms: fever and/or chills; cough or barking cough (croup); shortness of breath; decrease or loss of taste or smell;

OR

TWO OR MORE of the following symptoms: sore throat, extreme fatigue, muscle aches/joint pain, headache, runny nose/nasal congestion and/or nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

YES

NO

We recommend your child stays home (self-isolates):

For **5 days** from their symptom onset if:

- They are fully vaccinated, *OR*
- They are under 12 years of age

For **10 days** from their symptom onset if:

- They are 12 years of age or older and partially vaccinated or unvaccinated, *OR*
- They are immunocompromised, regardless of age and vaccination status

Your child may return to school/childcare/camp once their isolation has been completed and symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours for nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea).

If your child becomes ill, we recommend your child stays home. If needed, contact a doctor to get advice or an assessment. Your child may return to school/childcare/camp when their symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours for nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea).

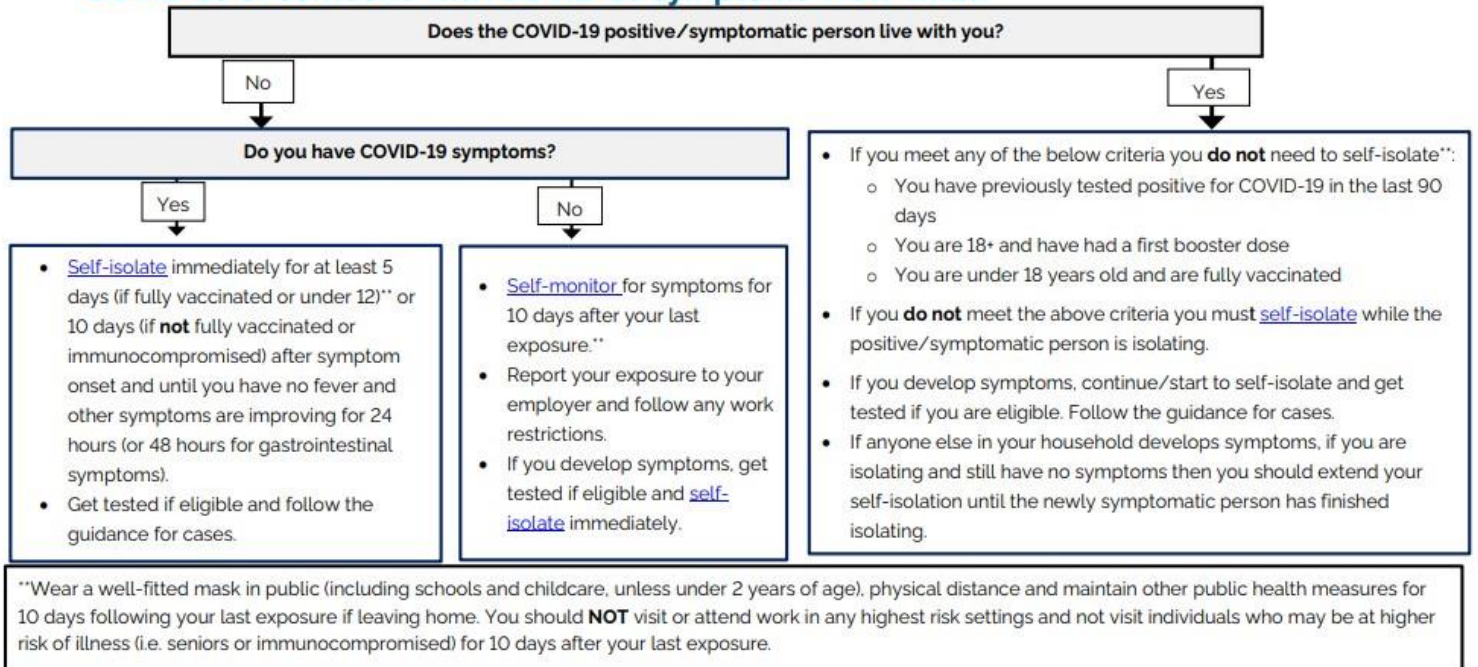
Household members do not need to isolate. Siblings may continue to attend school/childcare/camp.

Asymptomatic household members do not need to isolate if:

- They have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days on a rapid antigen, rapid molecular, or PCR test, **OR**
- They have completed their isolation period, **OR**
- They are 18+ and boosted **OR**
- They are under 18 years of age and are fully vaccinated

All other household members should isolate at home. They must follow current isolation and testing guidance for individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19, which can be found in this link <https://www.hamilton.ca/covid> or on the chart below.

You've been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or someone with COVID-19 symptoms. Now what?



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