

NOTIFICATION: YOUR CHILD PRESENTED WITH SYMPTOMS CONSISTENT WITH COVID-19 AT SCHOOL

September 28, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Student(s) Attending **Clearmeadow PS**:

Your child presented with symptoms consistent with COVID-19. As recommended by Ministry of Health guidance, parents or guardians are contacted to bring their child home from school when they present with COVID-19 symptoms during the school day. As a precaution, your child was separated from other children and supervised by a staff member until you were able to bring them home. We explained to your child how separating them from their classmates can help prevent the spread of illness and you would be coming to pick them up.

If your child has been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case or has travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days, any siblings or other household members who also attend the same school or another school are **required to go home and self-isolate**.

If your child has not been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case and has not recently travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days, asymptomatic siblings of the symptomatic child can continue to attend school.

York Region Public Health advises you to take your child for COVID-19 assessment and testing at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre located at all York Region hospitals.

Your child **must remain in isolation at home while waiting for the results of a COVID-19 test and cannot attend school in person**.

- If the test result is **negative** your child may return to school if it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms began to improve as long as they have not had any close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19
- If the test result is **negative** and your child has had close contact to a confirmed case of COVID-19, or has travelled internationally within the past 14 days, your child should continue isolating for 14 days despite a negative test result; if symptoms change or worsen seek medical assessment and repeat testing
- If the test result is **positive** your child is to self-isolate for at least 14 days from the day the symptoms started; students may return to school after this period upon the guidance of York Region Public Health
- If your child was **not tested** they must self-isolate for 14 days from the day symptoms started
- If your child was assessed by a health care provider their return to school may be considered earlier in some instances (their symptoms are related to an on-going health concern)

Staff at the testing centre will be able to advise how long it takes for laboratory results to be available at this time. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, York Region Public Health will receive the results directly from the lab and will contact you to provide further direction and guidance. You do not need to call York Region Public Health, we will call you.

York Region Public Health reminds you to watch for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at all times.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675

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york.ca/covid19



Symptoms can include:

- Fever (37.8°C or higher)
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat or difficulty breathing
- Altered smell or taste
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Runny nose

Although less common, other sign and symptoms in children may include:

- Unexplained fatigue, malaise or myalgia (tiredness, feeling unwell, or muscle aches)
- Worsening of chronic conditions
- Chills
- Headaches
- Croup
- Pink eye
- Red/purple discolouration to hands, fingers, feet and/or toes and skin may peel (COVID-toes)
- Lethargy
- Difficulty feeding in infant

Clearmeadow PS has worked diligently to implement strict public health measures within the school environment such as physical distancing of students and staff, increased hand hygiene, cohorting of classrooms and the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce the risk of acquiring or transmitting COVID-19.

For more information:

Should you have any questions or concerns, please visit york.ca/covid19 or contact York Region Public Health at 1-800-361-5653 (TTY: 1-866-512-6228).

Thank you for your cooperation.

[Append Fact Sheet: [If COVID-19 Is Detected In A School, What Does Public Health Do?](#)]

[Append Fact Sheet: [Check Your Child Daily For Symptoms of COVID-19](#)]