

IMPORTANT UPDATE: YORK REGION SWITCHING TO PROVINCIAL COVID-19 SYMPTOM SCREENING TOOL

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Effective immediately, York Region Public Health will discontinue the use of the York Region specific COVID-19 screening tool for schools, child care centers and camps and will instead use the [provincial screening tool](#).

Please share this important update with your staff, parents and guardians, students, essential visitors, and any others who may be impacted by this change.

What is different?

- The provincial tool can be accessed at covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening
- **Household contacts** of asymptomatic close contacts/individuals in dismissed cohorts can now continue to attend school, child care or camps

Screening tool reminders

- All parents, guardians, students/children and staff are to screen for symptoms using the [provincial screening tool](#) daily. If they experience any **ONE** symptom on the screening tool, they should still self-isolate immediately and seek testing
- Daily confirmation of a completed [screening tool](#) is required for **ALL** children, staff and essential visitors attending a school, child care centre or camp
- Parents and guardians continue to be responsible for screening their children for symptoms of illness every day
- Parents/guardians should not go past the screening area or enter a school, child care centre or camp unless there is a specific need to do so and the parent/guardian passes the screening

When to stay home

- If a child, staff or essential visitor has **ONE** symptom of COVID-19 **even if mild** they must stay home from school, child care or camp and get tested for COVID-19 at a [COVID-19 Assessment Centre](#)
- If a child, staff or essential visitor has travelled outside of Canada, they must stay home from school, child care or camp until the 14-day quarantine period has finished, except for essential reasons such as medical appointments, going to the pharmacy, getting groceries, etc.
- If anyone in the household is sick and has not tested negative for COVID-19 or does not have an alternative diagnosis from a health care provider, all others in the household must stay home from school, child care or camp until the results are known or an alternative diagnosis is provided

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure COVID-19 cases in York Region continue to decrease. We remind all residents to follow all public health advice and we thank you for helping us share this important update with York Region families and residents. For more information please visit york.ca/SafeAtSchool.

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