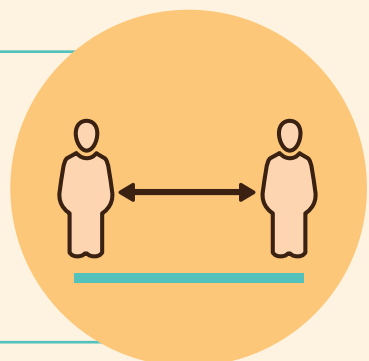




WHAT TO DO IF A CHILD DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS WHILE IN CHILD CARE

ISOLATE

Symptomatic children must be immediately separated from others in a supervised area until they can go home. All children from the same household must be picked up and brought home, even if only one child is symptomatic.



STAY SAFE

The child care staff/provider should wear a **surgical/procedure mask** and **eye protection** (goggles/face shield), **gown** and **gloves** at all times and not interact with others. Where possible, anyone who is providing care for the child should maintain a distance of 2 meters and avoid contact with the child's respiratory secretions. A surgical/procedure mask should be worn by the child (if over the age of 2, and tolerated).

CONTACT AND NOTIFY

Parents/guardians should be contacted immediately for the symptomatic child, and siblings if applicable, to be picked up. Contact WDG Public Health (1.800.265.7293 ext. 4753 or PHI. Intake@wdgpublichealth.ca) to notify of a potential COVID-19 case.



HAND HYGIENE AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette should be practiced while the child is waiting to be picked up. Tissues should be provided to the child for proper respiratory etiquette, with proper disposal of the tissues in a non-touch garbage bin, and proper hand hygiene.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT

All items used by the sick person should be cleaned and disinfected. Environmental cleaning of the space where the child was separated should be conducted immediately after the child has been picked up. It should also be conducted where the child spent his/her time at the centre. Refer to the Public Health website for more information on cleaning and disinfecting



TEST AND COHORT

Children with symptoms should be tested. Other children and staff in the centre who were present while a child or staff member became ill should be identified as a close contact and cohorted (i.e., grouped together). WDGPH will provide any further direction on testing and isolation of these close contacts.



ALTERNATE FORMATS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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For more information, refer to the WDG Public Health and the Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines for Reopening Childcare during the COVID-19 Pandemic.