

## Child Care Protocol for Children/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms

The purpose of this document is to help Child Care Centre and parents/guardians understand:

- *What should the child care centre do if a child/staff has COVID-19 symptoms at child care?*
- *What should a parent/guardian do if their child has COVID-19 symptoms while at home?*

It also answers the following questions:

- *Do siblings or other household members (e.g., staff) of the child/staff who has symptoms need to go home too?*
- *Which information sheet should the child care centre give the parent/guardian when they pick up their child?*
- *Who should the child care centre be contacting at public health if they need additional guidance or support?*

## Child Care Protocol for Child/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms

Child/Staff with COVID-19 symptoms

Child or staff is at home

Parent/guardian or staff contacts child care centre

Parent/guardian/staff follows direction provided by the [COVID-19 School & Child Care Screening tool](#)

Everyone in the household should stay home if anyone has COVID-19 symptoms or is waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms. Stay home until the person with symptoms gets a negative COVID-19 test result or is diagnosed with another illness from a healthcare provider. Household members can then return to child care as long as they can pass the online screening tool.

Child or staff is at child care (upon arrival)

Alert child care **designated staff** to care for symptomatic child/staff in **isolation room\*** and follow child care protocol for caring for symptomatic individual

Contact parent/guardian for immediate pick-up. Symptomatic staff are to go home immediately

Siblings and/or household members should be contacted and sent home as well. Everyone in the household should stay home if anyone has COVID-19 symptoms or is waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms. All household members will stay home until the person with symptoms gets a negative COVID-19 test result or is diagnosed with another illness from a healthcare provider.

Child Care operator provides parent/guardian with **Symptomatic Child Information Sheet** for guidance on what to do next

Child Care Centre may contact the Child Care Public Health Inspector if interested in further guidance or direction\*\* (**1-800-265-7293 ext. 4235**).

Parent/guardian/staff follows direction provided in letter and in the [COVID-19 School & Child Care Screening tool](#) for information on testing and return to child care.

\*The **isolation room** should be an enclosed space separate from other people that is equipped with PPE, hand sanitizer, tissues, and a lined garbage bin. It should be cleaned and disinfected after use

\*\* Child care centres do not need to report all children/staff with symptoms to WDGPH (only report confirmed positive cases to WDGPH at ext. 4235)