

You CAN MINIMIZE the spread of COVID-19

Parent guide for school attendance

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No. If your family recently took a trip outside of Canada and returned after March 12, 2020, the Chief Medical Officer of Health has recommended the entire family self-isolate for 14 days. Contact your school via phone to discuss education learning options.

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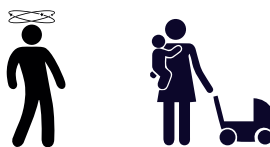
Yes. If your family recently took a trip outside of Canada and returned before March 12, 2020, the Chief Medical Officer of Health has indicated that these students may attend school, as long as they are feeling well, not been in contact with someone with or suspected of having COVID-19, and has not visited a healthcare facility.

A member from my family, who is not my child, has recently returned from outside of Canada, is self-isolating at home but shows NO signs of illness. Can my child go to school?



Yes. If a member of your family is in self-isolation at the direction of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and is well, your child can come to school.

A member from my family, who is not my child, has recently returned from outside of Canada, is self-isolating at home and shows signs of illness. Can my child go to school?



Yes. However, the person in self-isolation must not be in direct contact with the child. The Chief Medical Officer of Health is recommending that any individual in self-isolation should be limited to a single room of the home and be using their own bathroom, if possible. Parents should be closely monitoring the child and at the first sign of illness, that child should be kept home for the 14 days isolation period.

My child is showing signs of possible sickness. Can they go to school?



No. The Chief Medical Officer of Health is strongly recommending that schools take a ZERO tolerance for illness. This means parents should be keeping their child home at the FIRST sign of sickness, whether they traveled or not. If a child is kept home, or sent home by the school due to possible illness, that child cannot return to school until the 14 day self-isolation period is complete.

If my child is kept home sick, or was sent home by the school as they were suspected to be sick, what is required of me?



Parents should take the online assessment survey to assess their child found at alberta.ca/covid19. The assessment tool will direct parents to next steps regarding their child's health. As the child will need to remain home for 14 days (even if they are not suspected of having COVID-19), the parent can contact the school via phone to discuss education options for their child.

School jurisdictions have been given CLEAR direction from the Chief Medical Officer of Health that a zero tolerance policy must be enforced at schools around illness. Parents must be prepared to pick up their children from school immediately, if the school has any concerns about a child's health. Schools have the right to protect students and staff and make decisions when they believe those decisions to be in the best interest of the entire school population. This assessment applies to staff too.

The complete *Alberta Guidance for Schools and Child Care Programs* can be found on our website at ngps.ca/covid-19.