



COVID-19 procedure to follow in educational institutions

1 If a student shows symptoms¹ while in class:

- The student is automatically isolated.
- A single staff member cares for the student while waiting for the parent.
- The student must not use public or school transportation to return home.
- An emergency kit containing the necessary materials (masks, glasses, gloves, etc.) is used.
- The room in which the student is isolated while waiting to be picked up must be ventilated, cleaned and disinfected afterward.
- The parent must contact 1-877-644-4545 as soon as possible and follow the guidelines that are provided. The student showing symptoms must remain in isolation at home until further public health guidelines have been received.
- The student is provided with remote pedagogical support.

2 If a student shows symptoms¹ while at home:

- It is recommended that the student stay home and avoid contact with other people. After 24 hours, the parents must re-evaluate the situation to see if there is any change in the student's symptoms.
- Parents are encouraged to use the self-assessment tool available at [Québec.ca/decisioncovid19](https://quebec.ca/decisioncovid19) or to call 1-877-644-4545 and follow the guidelines provided to see if their child can return to school and school daycare.

3 If a student in my child's class tests positive for COVID-19:

- All parents and staff are automatically contacted when a case of COVID-19 is confirmed in a school.
- With help from the parents of the student concerned and the school, the regional public health authorities follow up with contact tracing.
- Anyone considered to be at moderate to high risk will be contacted by the regional public health authorities and will be removed from the school and tested.
- Anyone considered to be at low risk may continue to attend school and monitor their symptoms over a period of 14 days.
- Students who are removed from school will be provided with remote pedagogical support.

4 If there are several cases of COVID-19 in the same class or if the outbreak involves several classes:

- The regional public health authorities will provide the school with detailed instructions. In cases of low risk, the parents and staff will be informed by the school. If the risk is considered moderate to high, the individuals concerned will be informed by the regional public health authorities.
- In collaboration with the school administration, the regional public health authorities will make the necessary recommendations and indicate whether a classroom or school should be closed based on the situation.
- With help from the school administration, teachers, school staff and the student concerned or their parents, the public health authorities will follow up with contact tracing at the school.
- Anyone considered to be at moderate to high risk will be removed from the school and tested.
- Students who are removed from school will be provided with remote pedagogical support.

* It is possible that intervention measures may be intensified (closing a classroom, closing a school, etc.) based on the public health authorities' analysis of virus transmission in the school and on the epidemiological factors specific to the school or region.

1. The symptoms to watch for are: fever, cough (new or worse), shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, sudden loss of sense of smell without nasal congestion, with or without a loss of taste, major fatigue, significant loss of appetite, general muscle pain (not related to physical exertion), nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach aches.