

Frequently Asked Questions

What if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

- ▶ Your child must be isolated for 14 days.
- ▶ They may return after completing 14 days of isolation as long as they have no fever or symptoms.
- ▶ Depending on the circumstances of the case, MHS would provide advice to your child's principal on steps to take, if necessary.
- ▶ Testing requirements for the rest of your family are based on recommendations from MHS and/or AHS.

What if I or a member of my household tests positive?

- ▶ Your children should stay home from school and isolate for 14 days if you test positive for COVID-19.
- ▶ You are not required to inform your child's school if you test positive for COVID-19, but it is strongly recommended that you contact your school Principal. MESC Principals will adhere to confidentiality.
- ▶ If you are informed of your positive test result while your child is at school, you should inform the school so that they can coordinate pick up and/or isolation as required.

What if someone at your child's school tests positive?

- ▶ The school Principal will be in contact with you.
- ▶ If your child is considered a close contact (within the same Cohort), an AHS and/or MHS case manager will contact you directly with information on how and when to be tested for COVID-19 and your child must self-isolate for 14 days.
- ▶ If someone at your child's school tests positive and is not in your child Cohort, you do not need to keep them home or have them tested for COVID-19.

What if my child gets ill at school?

- ▶ Your child will be moved to a safe place in the school and you will be notified by the school that your child is ill.
- ▶ You will be required to make arrangements for your child to be picked up from the school ASAP.
- ▶ You will be required to notify MHS and follow their guidelines.

What if another child gets ill at school?

- ▶ Children who develop symptoms at school will be cared for in a designated part of the school while waiting to be picked up and taken home.
- ▶ If your child tells you that one of their classmates went home sick, it's recommended you monitor your child for symptoms, but they do not need to stay home.

How would I find out if there are cases in MESC schools?

- ▶ MESC will update the COVID-19 advisory web page: <https://www.maskwacised.ca/covid-19-cases/> This page will notify families of positive cases in their child's school. No personal information will be shared.

How would I find out if there are cases in Alberta schools?

- ▶ Note that Alberta considers an outbreak to be two or more cases whereas MHS considers one case to be an outbreak.
- ▶ Alberta has provided a link to view school cases here: <https://www.alberta.ca/schools/covid-19-school-status-map.htm>

