

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN SCHOOLS 2021-22

as of September 27, 2021

1. PERSON IS SICK

([COVID Screening Checklist](#), [PH Fact Sheet Sept 2021](#))

At this time, we will assume that a person with symptoms presumptive of COVID-19 requires a test unless proven otherwise. This is regardless of vaccine status.

If a person develops any ONE of the symptoms listed in Column B and it has been less than 24 hours since the symptoms started, they are to isolate at home until 24 hours after symptoms resolve. It is recommended that they get tested for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear.

A. Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any <u>ONE</u> of the following symptoms?	B. Do you have a new onset, or worsening, of any <u>TWO</u> of the following symptoms?
Fever > 38°C or subjective fever/ chills	Runny nose
Cough	Muscle aches
Sore throat/hoarse voice	Fatigue
Shortness of breath/ breathing difficulties	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
Loss of taste or smell	Headache
Vomiting or diarrhea for more than 24 hours	Skin rash of unknown cause
	Nausea or loss of appetite
	Poor feeding (if an infant)

a. Pending Test ([PH Fact Sheet, Sept 2021](#))

i. Test is negative but still symptomatic

Stay home until 24 hours symptom free.

ii. Test is positive

Follow Public Health direction regarding self-isolation/school contact tracing may be required.

b. Not taking test ([PH Fact Sheet, Sept 2021](#))

Individuals with symptoms who screen positive and who choose not to be tested, must isolate for a minimum of 10 days following the start of symptoms. Isolation can be stopped at day 10 if the individual has been symptom-free for 24 hours.

c. Not COVID-related symptoms

If a person is ill but the symptoms are not COVID-19 related, they may return to school 24 hours after the symptoms have cleared. Asymptomatic household members may attend during this period.

d. Allergies/Known Symptoms ([MB Education, Screening](#))

A chronic stable cough, sneeze, runny nose, or nasal congestion that is unchanged and clearly linked to a known medical condition such as asthma or allergies, is not an absolute requirement for exclusion. As well, children who are crying can exhibit a runny nose. Changing or worsening of chronic symptoms requires isolation and contacting Health Links — Info Santé. Staff should exercise judgment based on the symptoms, but when in doubt, err on the side of caution by excluding the child and advising the parent or caregiver to contact Health Links — Info Santé or their health care provider.

e. Staff

Staff may not attend school while feeling sick. They must follow all instructions as above. If the individual has a confirmed negative test, once their symptoms have absolved, they may report to work.

2. HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IS SICK

a. Pending test

If a person is sick and is being tested for COVID-19, their household members are exempt from the self-isolation requirements, as long as they are asymptomatic. This is regardless of vaccine status.

i. Test is negative but person is still symptomatic

The sick person who was tested can return once symptom-free for 24 hours. If the staff/student is asymptomatic, they can attend school.

ii. Test is positive

Follow Public Health direction regarding self-isolation.

b. Not taking test

If a person chooses to not get tested, if the household members are asymptomatic they do not need to self-isolate, regardless of vaccine status.

3. PERSON IS CLOSE CONTACT

a. Immunized ([PH About COVID-19, Sept 2021](#))

A person who is fully immunized at the time of the exposure and has no symptoms does not need to self-isolate (quarantine). Self-monitoring for symptoms should be completed for 14 days after the last exposure. Public Health will still advise.

b. Unvaccinated ([PH About COVID-19, Sept 2021](#))

If a person was not fully immunized at the time of their exposure to the case, they must self-isolate (quarantine) for 10 days followed by 4 days of self-monitoring for symptoms, from their last exposure. They must self-isolate (quarantine) for the entire period even if they will meet criteria for being fully immunized during the self-isolation (quarantine) period. Public Health will advise dates.

4. HOUSEHOLD MEMBER IS CLOSE CONTACT

a. Immunized ([PH Fact Sheet, Sept 2021](#))

As long as the close contact in the household remains without symptoms, household members without symptoms do not need to self-isolate (quarantine).

If the household member develops symptoms, they should go for a test. The household member is exempt from self-isolation as per 3(a) so long as they remain asymptomatic. Public Health will advise.

b. Unvaccinated ([PH Fact Sheet, Sept 2021](#))

As long as the close contact in the household remains without symptoms, household members without symptoms do not need to self-isolate (quarantine).

If the close contact develops symptoms of COVID-19, all unvaccinated household members should also self-isolate (quarantine) until the symptomatic close contact receives their test result.

If the symptomatic individual is not tested, all unvaccinated household members should self-isolate (quarantine) for 10 days after their last contact with the symptomatic individual, followed by four days of self-monitoring for symptoms. Public Health will advise.

5. PERSON HAS TRAVELLED OUTSIDE OF MANITOBA

a. Immunized ([PH Website – Travel](#))

Fully immunized travellers are exempt from mandatory self-isolation (quarantine) but should self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following their arrival to Manitoba. If symptoms develop, they should immediately isolate and get tested for COVID-19.

b. Unvaccinated ([PH Website – Travel](#))

International and domestic travellers who are unvaccinated and entering Manitoba must quarantine (self-isolate) for 14 days upon arriving in Manitoba (in accordance with the Federal Quarantine Act and provincial public health orders).

This does not include children who are not eligible for the vaccine based on age if all individuals they travelled with are fully immunized and asymptomatic.

6. HOUSEHOLD MEMBER HAS TRAVELLED OUTSIDE OF MANITOBA

a. Immunized ([PH Fact Sheet, Sept 2021](#))

As long as the traveller in the household remains without symptoms, household members without symptoms do not need to self-isolate (quarantine).

If the traveller develops symptoms, they should go for a test. The household member is exempt from self-isolation as per 3(a) so long as they remain asymptomatic. Public Health will advise.

b. Unvaccinated ([PH Fact Sheet, Sept 2021](#))

As long as the traveller in the household remains without symptoms, household members without symptoms do not need to self-isolate (quarantine).

If the traveller develops symptoms of COVID-19, all unvaccinated household members should also self-isolate (quarantine) until the symptomatic close contact receives their test result.

If the symptomatic individual is not tested, all unvaccinated household members should self-isolate (quarantine) for 10 days after their last contact with the symptomatic individual, followed by four days of self-monitoring for symptoms. Public Health will advise.