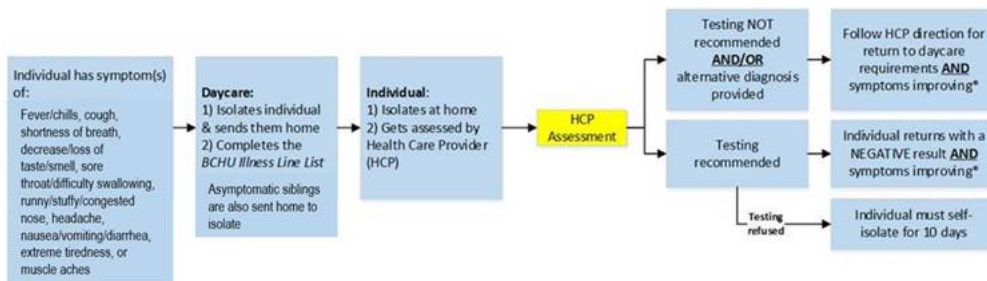


## Screening – single symptom screening criteria

### BCHU COVID-19: Daycare Illness Reporting Process



\*Doctor's note or proof of a negative COVID-19 result is not required.

\*Symptoms improving for 24 hours, fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, or 24 hours from the last episode of vomiting/diarrhea. Asymptomatic siblings can return when the symptomatic child receives an alternative diagnosis, a negative COVID-19 result, or is cleared by the health unit.

Symptoms associated with teething (e.g. runny nose or fever) should be followed up by a physician.

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### **Masking**

Masks are now mandatory for all children in grades 1 – 12 and encouraged for younger children (aged 2 to SK), subject to reasonable exceptions.

- Children to wear the mask before they enter the child care premises
- Children grades 1 and above are also required to wear a face covering and/or cloth mask outdoors when 2m distancing cannot be maintained
- Available that can be shared with parents/guardians on supporting children in wearing masks and on health and safety practices for children who cannot wear masks See for example this [tip sheet](#) from Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Staff are to wear a medical mask outdoors when a distance of 2m cannot be maintained – in addition to the indoor masking/eye protection requirements

- Please note that goggles are not required to be worn outside.
- Masks are not be placed on your chin or neck when not in use. This increases the risk of cross contamination- please have staff remove the mask completely to be stored in a ziplock or paper bag if not in use OR for temporary and quick mask free breaks, they can leave the mask hooked on to one ear. Please remind

staff to **not** touch the inside of their mask to prevent any cross contamination.

### **Dismissed siblings from schools/busses**

*\*These scenarios are for when a child or staff who attends the child care centre has a household member who was identified as a high-risk contact in a school cohort (classroom or bus).*

When a COVID-19 case is identified in a school cohort and the students/teacher are dismissed, BCHU distributes a post-exposure letter that provides the dates these children/staff need to isolate for and direction on getting a COVID-19 test. This letter also contains information for household members.

1. If the child/staff from the dismissed school cohort **HAS** symptoms:
  - Everyone else living in the same home must also self-isolate until the individual is tested and results are available
  - Children or staff should not attend the child care centre until the symptomatic household member receives a negative COVID-19 test result
2. If the child/staff from the dismissed school cohort **DOES NOT** have symptoms:
  - Everyone else living in the same home does not need to self-isolate but will be recommended to only leave for essential reasons (e.g. work, school, child care, groceries, picking up medication)
  - If a household member attends child care:
    - if the parents are able to keep the child at home, they will be recommended to do so
    - if the parents are required to go to work and/or cannot care for the child at home, the child can attend daycare
  - If at any point the child/staff from the dismissed cohort becomes symptomatic or tests positive:

- Everyone else living in the same home must self-isolate immediately and follow additional public health guidance

*\*Please note that should the Case Manager’s or the School Health team’s direction differ from this, then their direction will take precedence as each cohort is evaluated based on the information provided to BCHU staff.*

**Household member is ill**

Children, child care staff, providers and placement students are required to stay at home from child care if anyone in their household has new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19 and has been recommended for isolation and testing.

All asymptomatic household contacts of symptomatic individuals are required to isolate until the symptomatic household member:

- receives a negative COVID-19 test result, or
- receives an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional

If the symptomatic household member is **not tested** and does not receive an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional, the symptomatic individual must isolate (including from household members) for 10 days from symptom onset, and all household contacts must isolate until 14 days from their last contact with the symptomatic individual.

	<b>Known COVID-19 Exposure</b>	<b>No Known COVID-19 Exposure</b>
<b>Symptomatic child/staff</b>	<b>If a high risk contact:</b> Completes isolation regardless of negative results	Can come out of isolation when a negative result is received or an alternate diagnosis is made
	<b>If a low risk contact:</b> Follow screening tool	

<b>Symptomatic household member</b>	Household isolates together – no exceptions	Rest of the household members can go out for essential reasons ( e.g. work, school, daycares, doctor’s visits, groceries, etc.) if testing is <b>not</b> recommended by HCP or alternate diagnosis made.
		<p><b>Testing recommended:</b> Household members isolate together. No exceptions.</p> <p>(applicable when waiting for test results or if test refused)</p>
<b>Asymptomatic household member</b>	Rest of the household members can go out for essential reasons ( e.g. work, school, daycares, doctor’s visits, groceries).	

**Gowns:**

Gowns are to be used when:

1. Staff is in the isolation room with a sick child (full PPE required)
2. Handling and/or cleaning a body fluid spill/accident (e.g. urine, stool, vomit)
3. A chemical/disinfect product states it is required PPE when using the product

As always, while we continue to move through the COVID-19 pandemic the guidance and public health direction will change. Keep up the great work in your centres! If you have any questions or need clarification on these or other topics please let us know. E-mail continues to be the best mode of communication