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Student Illness During COVID-19
 Health and Wellness
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PURPOSE

Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School understands the importance of the overall health and well-being of all students and it is considered essential for students to be able to learn and achieve academic success. By having students stay home when they are experiencing symptoms, it helps to keep our STS community healthy and prevent the spread of illness.

INTENT

This Policy is to provide students, families and employees a framework and will act as guidance for students who may be experiencing symptoms or confirmed illness:

COVID-19

Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School has committed to following the Return to School Guidelines established by Alberta Health Services (AHS) and the Government of Alberta. As per the Daily Screening Questionnaire (copied below), parents **must not** send their child to school if they are experiencing any of the symptoms indicated below that are new or worsening, or if a student has travelled outside Canada and is not enrolled in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project, or has been identified as a close contact of an individual with COVID-19.

STS will ensure it is guided by current AHS information which can be found by using this link:

(<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16997.aspx#sign>)

Screening Questions

1. Has the child:

(Choose any/all possible exposures)

	YES	NO
Traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days? When entering or returning to Alberta from outside Canada, individuals are legally required to quarantine for 14 days unless enrolled in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project		
Had close contact with a case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days? Face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer, or direct physical contact such as hugging		
If the child answered "YES" to any of the above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the child is participating in the Alberta COVID-19 International Border Pilot Project, they must comply with the program restrictions at all times. If the child develops any symptoms, use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended. 		
If the child answered "NO" to both of the above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proceed to question 2. 		

2. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:

	YES	NO
Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher		
Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma		
Shortness of breath Continuous, out of breath, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma		
Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders		
If the child answered "YES" to any symptom in question 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms. Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation. 		
If the child answered "NO" to all of the symptoms in question 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proceed to question 3. 		

3. Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:

Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
Feeling unwell/fatigued Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury	YES	NO
Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
Headache Not related to other known causes or conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered "YES" to ONE symptom in question 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours. If their symptom is improving after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary. If the symptom does not improve or worsens after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended. <p>If the child answered "YES" to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your child home. Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended. Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started. <p>If the child answered "NO" to all questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your child may attend school, child care and/or other activities. 		

If a student is experiencing any of the above symptoms, it is incumbent upon the parent/guardian to advise the school immediately by putting an attendance note in Managebac, and/or emailing or calling the appropriate division Principal and copying frontdesk@sts.ab.ca. Parents/Guardians should refer to the self-assessment link (<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/journey/covid-19/Pages/COVID-Self-Assessment.aspx>) for guidance and assistance with booking a COVID-19 test, if required.

If a student arrives at the school with any of the symptoms listed above, or begins to exhibit symptoms at school, the **parent/guardian will be contacted and required to pick the child up within one (1) hour of the call** being made. The student will stay in the Care Centre (or designated area) until the parent/guardian arrives to take them home.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please refer to the links below for guidance as to when a student may return to school. The information may be modified by AHS at any time.

If your child has any of the "1" symptoms, click below for guidance on when to return to school:
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/ppih/if-ppih-covid-19-school-journey-a-symptoms.pdf>

If your child has any of the "2" symptoms, click below for guidance on when to return to school:
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/ppih/if-ppih-covid-19-school-journey-b-symptoms.pdf>

If your child does not have symptoms, but has been identified as a close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, click below for guidance on when to return to school:
<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/ppih/if-ppih-covid-19-school-journey-close-contact.pdf>

Students may return to school once all symptoms have completely resolved and it has been a minimum of 24 hours since the student has vomited or had a fever. In the case of a fever, STS requires that students have been without a fever for 24 hours, without the use of medicine to reduce the fever.

RESOURCES

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page16944.aspx>

<https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx#toc-2>

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/healthinfo/link/index.html>

This Policy will be reviewed frequently to ensure we are following all AHS protocols. Parents will be notified of any changes to this Policy via a notice on the COVID-19 section of the STS website.