

## Revised Sick Policy

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### ÉSS COVID-19 Sick Policy

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As part of the infection prevention and exposure control measures to create a safe environment for staff and students, the following measures are in place to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

- **For the safety of all, the following conditions necessitate an individual remaining at home and self-isolating:**
- all students and staff who have symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 10 days (symptoms include but are not limited to: fever, chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, and new muscle aches or headache)
- anyone who has travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days
- anyone identified as a close contact of a confirmed case or outbreak

**Parents and caregivers must assess their child daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19, or other infectious respiratory disease before sending them to school.**  
*This includes children of essential service workers who are ill.*

#### **1. Parents and caregivers must pick up their child as soon as possible if they are notified their child is ill while at school.**

- Staff must assess themselves daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, or COVID-19 prior to entering the school. *Staff will be required to sign off on a daily confirmation of their ability to work*
- School Administrators must ensure school staff are aware of their responsibility to assess themselves daily for symptoms of common cold, influenza, COVID-19 or other infectious respiratory disease prior to entering the school.

#### **2. School Administrators must:**

- Clearly communicate with parents and caregivers their responsibility to assess their children daily before sending them to school.
- Established procedures for students and staff who become sick while at school will be followed. This entails staff and students being sent home as soon as possible.
- Staff and students who are ill, including children of essential service workers, will not be permitted to attend school.

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- Those unsure of if they or a student should self-isolate will be directed to use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool.
  - If deemed warranted, they will be advised to contact 8-1-1 or the local public health unit to seek further input.
  - They may also be advised to contact a family physician or nurse practitioner to be assessed for COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases.