



COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Child Care

(Subject to change)

Screening Questions

1. In the last 14 days, has the child or anyone they live with travelled outside of the Algoma District? Have they travelled to a red or grey zone? *In a province wide lockdown all Ontario is in a grey zone.*

If exempt from quarantine requirements (for example, an essential worker who crosses the Canada-US border regularly for work), select "No."

Yes No

2. Has a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit told you that the child should currently be isolating (staying at home)? *This can be because of an outbreak or contact tracing.*

Yes No

3. In the last 14 days, has the child been identified as a "close contact" of someone who currently has COVID-19? Yes No

4. In the last 14 days, has the child received a COVID Alert exposure notification on their cell phone?

If they already went for a test and got a negative result, select "No."

Yes No

5. Is the child currently experiencing any of these symptoms? *Choose any/all that are new, worsening, and not related to other known causes or conditions they already have.*

Fever and/or chills

Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher	Yes	No
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Cough or barking cough (croup)

Continuous, more than usual, making a whistling noise when breathing (not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways, COPD, or other known causes or conditions they already have)	Yes	No
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Shortness of breath

Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply (not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Yes

No

Decrease or loss of taste or smell

Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders, or other known causes or conditions they already have

Yes

No

Sore throat or difficulty swallowing

Painful swallowing (not related to seasonal allergies, acid reflux, or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Yes

No

Runny or stuffy/congested nose

Not related to seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather or other known causes or conditions they already have

Yes

No

Headache

Unusual, long-lasting (not related to tension-type headaches, chronic migraines, or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Yes

No

Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea

Not related to irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, menstrual cramps, or other known causes or conditions they already have

Yes

No

Extreme tiredness or muscle aches

Unusual, fatigue, lack of energy, poor feeding in infants (not related to depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, sudden injury or other known causes or conditions they already have)

Yes

No

6. Is someone that the child lives with currently experiencing any new COVID-19 symptoms and/or waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms?

Yes No

Results of screening questions

If you answered “YES” to question 1 or 3 do not go to child care.

- **If you answered “YES” to question 1**, and the child or a household member have travelled outside of Canada you must isolate (stay home) for 14 days and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency. *Exemptions from quarantine requirements must be discussed with child care.*
- If you answered “YES” to **question 1**, and the child or a household member have travelled outside the Algoma District to a red or grey zone (*during a Province wide lock down the entire Province is considered a grey zone*) they cannot return to the Program for 14 days. *Essential travel (deemed essential by Algoma Public Health through Child Care Algoma) is examined on an individual basis. Please contact Child Care Algoma and they will provide further direction in partnership with Algoma Public Health.*
- If you answered “YES” to **question 3**, talk with a doctor/health care provider to get advice or an assessment, including if they need a COVID-19 test. The child can only return to child care after 14 days, even if they get a negative test result. *Please let Child Care Algoma know if the child or a household member have been deemed a close contact and they will provide further direction in partnership with Algoma Public Health.*
- If they develop symptoms or test positive, contact your local public health unit or doctor/health care provider for more advice.
- Contact your child care provider to let them know about this result.

If you answered “YES” to question 2 do not go to child care.

- The child must self-isolate (stay home) and not leave except for a medical emergency.
 - Follow the advice of public health. The child can return to school/child care after they are cleared by your local public health unit. *Please let Child Care Algoma know if the child or a household member have been told by a doctor, health care provider, or public health unit that they should currently be isolating (staying at home) and they will provide further direction in partnership with Algoma Public Health*
 - If they develop symptoms, contact your local public health unit or doctor/health care provider for more advice.
- Ask your child care for more information.
- Contact your child care provider to let them know about this result.

If you answered “YES” to question 4 do not go to child care.

- The child must self-isolate (stay home) and not leave except for a medical emergency.
- Visit an assessment centre to get a COVID-19 test.
- If they test negative (they do not have the virus), they can return to child care.
- If they test positive (they have the virus), they can return only after they are cleared by your local public health unit.
- If they develop symptoms, contact your local public health unit or doctor/health care provider for more advice.
- Contact your child care provider to let them know about this result. *Please let Child Care Algoma know if the child or a household member have received a COVID Alert exposure notification on their cell phone and they will provide further direction in partnership with Algoma Public Health*

If you answered “YES” to any of the symptoms included under question 5 or question 6 do not go to child care.

- The child and their entire household must self-isolate (stay home) and not leave except to get tested or for a medical emergency.
- If you answered “YES” to question 5, talk with a doctor/health care provider to get advice or an assessment, including if the child needs a COVID-19 test.
- If you answered “YES” to question 6, the child can return to child care after the individual gets a negative COVID-19 test result, or is cleared by your local public health unit, or is diagnosed with another illness.
- Siblings and other people in your household must stay at home until the child showing symptoms or individual tests negative or is cleared by your local public health unit, or is diagnosed with another illness.
- Contact your child care provider to let them know about this result.

If you answered “NO” to all questions, your child can go to child care because they seem to be healthy and have not been exposed to COVID-19. Follow your child care provider’s established process for letting staff know about this result (if applicable).

Please note these questions are from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education COVID-19 school and child care screening Version 4: February 24, 2021 with an update to Question #1 to screen for travel outside of the Algoma District with support from Algoma Public Health.