

Isolation Room Protocol for Illness in Care

Chinook Schools



If a student is exhibiting symptoms suggestive of COVID 19, the following steps should be taken in order to minimize the risk of exposure to others. **The following protocol will also apply to any ill staff member who is unable to leave the building immediately.**

Personal Protective Equipment and Furnishings

- Masks
- Thermometer
- Face Shield
- Soap and water if facility permits
- Gloves
- Disinfectant supplies and paper towels
- Disposable gown
- Nonporous, easy to clean furniture
- Hand Sanitizer
- Garbage can with plastic bags

Staff

- Trained staff members for isolation room(s) will be identified and names of these staff members will need to be shared with all teachers.

Accessing the Isolation Room

- Notify the Isolation Room trained staff member.
- The staff member dons a mask and maintains physical distance to escort the ill student to the isolation room.
- The ill student is required to don a mask while travelling to the isolation room.
- The above should be done in a respectful manner that protects the privacy of the ill student. It should also be done in a manner as safe as possible for other students and staff members.
- Notify the principal or designate.
- Principal or designate is to contact the parent/caregiver as soon as possible to pick up the student from the school and go home or to a location where the student may self-isolate. Parents/caregivers must remain outside of the school for pick-up.
- Principal or designate instructs the parent/caregiver to call the Saskatchewan Healthline at 811 as soon as possible.

Entry Procedures

- Staff members maintain physical distancing from the student as much as possible.
- Student and staff member perform hand hygiene upon entry of isolation room.
- Provide the student with a face shield (if available) and request them to wear it.
- Provide the student with a face mask, if they are not wearing one, and request them to wear it if they are not vomiting or in respiratory distress.
- Staff member will don a disposable mask, gloves, face shield, and gown.
- If the student is 16 years of age or older, their next of kin will be notified prior to leaving with the above instructions.
- Only one symptomatic person is permitted in each isolation room; partitions could be used.

During Isolation Procedures

- Student will be continuously monitored by staff member.
- Staff member will maintain physical distance of 2 meters.
- If the student needs to leave the isolation room (eg. bathroom) hand hygiene is to be performed, student is to be supervised by staff member.
- Staff member ensures student is picked up by parent or caregiver.

Post Isolation Procedures

- Arrange for the cleaning and disinfection of the isolation room, the student's classroom, the student's desk and other common touch items in the classroom or facility that the student may have come in contact with that day as soon as reasonably possible.
- Garbage is to be sealed and removed.
- Parents/caregivers are to be advised that the student is not allowed to return to school until they no longer have any signs or symptoms related to COVID-19 and have obtained medical clearance from the Saskatchewan Health Authority.
- Complete the shared Google Sheet named "**COVID-19 Symptoms - students sent home**" for your school as soon as reasonably possible. This informs the school superintendent.
- The student information contained in the above shared document must be kept confidential.
- Any communications regarding the student or further action that might need to be taken by the staff, students, or school must be done only by or with the approval of the Director or designate, in consultation with Public Health.

Signs and Symptoms Consistent with COVID 19

Testing is available and recommended if someone has unexplained new or worsening symptoms (even mild symptoms) that may include one or more of the following:

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| □ Fever | □ Dizziness |
| □ Cough | □ Fatigue |
| □ Headache | □ Nausea/vomiting |
| □ Muscle and/or joint aches and pains | □ Diarrhea |
| □ Sore throat | □ Loss of appetite (difficulty feeding for children) |
| □ Chills | □ Loss of sense of taste or smell |
| □ Runny nose | □ Shortness of breath |
| □ Nasal congestion | □ Difficulty breathing |
| □ Conjunctivitis | |