Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Schools

To reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 in schools, students should not be in school if they feel unwell or are exhibiting new health symptoms such as fever or cough. For a full list of COVID-19 symptoms, visit ***https://when-to-call-about-covid19.novascotia.ca/en***

If a student starts to feel unwell or exhibit new health symptoms while at school, the following measures must take place:

- A staff member will escort the child/student to an isolation room/area in the school
- The student will be monitored until a parent/guardian arrives
- The student will wash their hands
- The student will be provided a medical mask, if available. Non-medical mask may also be used. (unless they are unable to wear one)
- The parent/guardian will be called to pick up their child. They should be advised to complete the 811 online assessment: ***https://when-to-call-about-covid19.novascotia.ca/en*** or if unable to access the online tool, call 811
- If 811 advises a COVID-19 test **is** required, the family will follow public health advice before their child can return to school
  - A positive COVID-19 test means the student must isolate at home. Public health will provide advice to the family and will determine when the student can return to school
  - A negative COVID-19 test means the student can return to school after they are symptom-free for 24 hours
- If 811 advised a COVID-19 test is **not** required, the student can return to school **after** they are symptom-free for 24 hours

School staff assigned to monitor a child/student who feels unwell should:

- Wash their hands
- Wear a medical mask, if available. Non-medical mask may also be used
- Escort the child/student to an isolation room/area in the school
- Physically distance from the student by 2 metres/6 feet
- Wear a face shield when physical distancing is not an option
- Remain with the child/student at all times until their parent/guardian arrives