



I have been asked to pick my child(ren) up at school due to signs of COVID-19 Related symptoms. What do we do now?

As we begin the school year, School Boards and the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit will continue to work collectively to keep your children safe. As part of our collective protocols, school boards will work with public health to identify students who display symptoms of COVID-19. When you are asked to pick up your child from school, or a student is absent due to illness, parents/guardians are directed to seek medical assessment, including the recommendation of testing for COVID-19 as appropriate or as advised by a medical professional. Assessments can be arranged through your Family Healthcare Provider or by contacting a Grey Bruce Assessment Centre.

Assessment Centre Locations in Grey Bruce

Grey Bruce Health Services – Owen Sound Regional Hospital

Location: Portable facility just outside the entrance to the Owen Sound Hospital Emergency Department

Hours of Operation: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Monday to Friday

South Bruce Grey Health Centre – Kincardine Hospital

Location: Portable facility located between hospital and medical clinic

Hours of Operation: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday

Hanover & District Hospital

Location: Main entrance to the hospital

Hours of Operation: 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM, 5 days per week

Appointments are not necessary.

Patients will be pre-screened, and will be asked to wash their hands and put on a mask prior to entry. To reduce risk and traffic within the Centres, only those patients who require assistance will be permitted to bring a support person with them into the facilities. Following screening at the Assessment Centres, patients will be sent home to self-isolate and monitor symptoms.

School-aged children, along with teachers, administrators and school support staff should be prioritized for assessment and testing. Children with symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school.

Return to School Protocol

Students will only be permitted to return to school if:

1. They have been assessed by a registered healthcare provider and it is found that symptoms are not due to COVID-19 **AND** documentation is provided for their safe return to school. This is an option for parents who have regular contact with their family doctor in cases where the child has a chronic illness that the doctor can verify. If doctors can not verify that medical history, testing is recommended.

or

2. Student has remained in home isolation for 14 days from the onset of symptoms **AND** are symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school

or

3. Student has received a negative test result and have been symptom free for 24 hours **AND** are able to pass the School Boards COVID-19 screening tool, as outlined in the schools operational protocol (documented proof of the negative test result is not required to return to school)

Siblings attending the same school as the symptomatic child (the child who is not well) should also be sent home, even if they are asymptomatic (not showing any Covid-19 symptoms). Siblings in other schools can finish out the day, but once home, families living in the same home should isolate until they meet the criteria above.

Reminder: COVID - 19 Symptoms

- Fever
- New onset cough
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Difficulty swallowing
- Loss of sense of taste
- Loss of sense of smell
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- Runny nose
- Stuffy nose (not related to allergies)
- Pink Eye
- Chills
- Unexplained fatigue/malaise
- Lack of appetite
- Headache
- Body/joint aches

