

CONTACT TRACING IN CHILD AND YOUTH SETTINGS

What steps does Public Health take when a case of COVID-19 is reported in a school or child care setting?



- STEP 1:** Public Health receives notice a person connected to a school or child care setting has tested positive for COVID-19.
- STEP 2:** Public Health starts a case investigation. This includes identifying close contacts of the person.
- STEP 3:** Public Health finds out if the person could have spread the virus to others while at the school or child care setting.



IF YES, Public Health contacts the school or child care setting to let them know we are investigating a case of COVID-19.



IF NO, there is no further action required for the school or child care setting.

- STEP 4:** Public Health collects data and looks closely at the COVID-19 risk for the school or child care setting. Based on the risk assessment, temporary enhanced public health measures or closure may be recommended.
- STEP 5:** Public Health prepares a general notice that will be sent to the entire staff/parent community.
- STEP 6:** Public Health finds out who was in close contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 in the school or child care setting.



FOR CLOSE CONTACTS, Public Health prepares a separate letter for the school or child care setting to send to close contacts only. Direction for isolation and testing is based on vaccination status. Fully vaccinated* individuals can continue with regular activities if they do not have symptoms.



* Fully vaccinated means you received your second dose of vaccine 14 days prior to (before) your exposure to COVID-19.



FOR PERSONS NOT IN CLOSE CONTACT, no further contact is made.



When there are no additional cases, Public Health closes the investigation.

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