

COVID-19 Child Care Centre Guidance for Parents

What happens if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms?

While at daycare:

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- Your child will be brought to the centre's isolation room and be monitored by staff while awaiting pickup.
- At this time, your child and members of same household (i.e., siblings) are to be picked up and sent home as soon as possible.

What do I do next?

The Brant County Health Unit is not able to assess your child's symptoms or provide clearance for your child to return to child care if we have not followed them as a case or contact. Please complete the [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care](#) to determine next steps.

If your child needs to be tested for COVID-19, please contact the [Brant Community Healthcare System](#) (BCHS) to arrange for testing. The Brant County Health Unit does not do in-person testing. Please note, the BCHS Assessment Centre will no longer be taking walk-in appointments as of Friday, October 2, 2020.

If your child has symptoms, they need to [isolate](#) while waiting for their test results. Members living in the same household as the sick child need to self-isolate while waiting for the child's test results.

If your child does not have symptoms but is a high risk contact, they must [isolate](#) while waiting for their test results. Household members need to self-monitor.

If your child is waiting for direction from their healthcare provider and/or waiting for test results, they need to [isolate](#). Household members need to self-isolate.

Negative COVID-19 test

- If your child had a COVID-19 test and the results are negative, consult with the operator at their child care facility to discuss next steps for your child returning. Your child care operator is responsible for confirming that your child has met the criteria to return to the centre/home. If your child has a negative COVID-19 test, they need to be free of fever (without the use of fever reducing medications) and improving symptoms in order to go back to care. **Note:** If your child had diarrhea and/or vomiting, they need to be 24 hour free of those symptoms before returning to care.

Positive COVID-19 test

- The Brant County Health Unit (BCHU) follows up with all COVID-19 positive cases. BCHU will contact you to determine next steps and isolation requirements.

What if my child is not tested for COVID-19?

- If your child does not get tested, everyone in the household needs to self-isolate for 14 days.
- If your child has been assessed by their primary healthcare provider, and a COVID-19 test was not recommended, your child can return to daycare once they are fever free and have improving symptoms. **Note:** If your child had diarrhea and/or vomiting, they need to be 24 hours symptoms free (minimum) before they can return to care.

For further information:

For frequently asked questions around child care facility operations, please visit www.bchu.org/COVIDFAQ. Please call the Brant County Health Unit's COVID-19 line: 519-753-4937 'press 1' or covid19@bchu.org.