Halton Region Public Health School and Child Care Protocol for Individuals with COVID-19 Symptoms

IMPORTANT: Halton Region Public Health recommends that any individual with COVID-19 symptoms complete the Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening **daily** and follow the direction provided from the results. When it is identified that an individual has COVID-19 symptoms, it is important that Halton Region Public Health guidelines, including self-isolation and testing, are followed by the school or child care centre. (Note: the term "individual" refers to a child, student or staff person).

Symptoms experienced at home

Symptomatic individual must:

- complete the <u>Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening</u> and follow the direction provided from the results; and
- · contact the school or child care centre.

Individuals are required to stay home from school or child care if anyone in their household has new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19 and has been recommended for isolation and testing.

All asymptomatic household contacts of symptomatic individuals are required to quarantine, without exemption, even for essential reasons, until the symptomatic household member receives a negative COVID-19 test result, or an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional

The school/child care centre will document the details provided and be prepared to provide Public Health with child/student/staff record in case of positive COVID-19 test result.

The school and child care centre will maintain accurate records (as applicable) of staff, students and children for the last 30 days including:

- Attendance records
- Class/cohort lists and seating charts
- Before/after school child care lists
- Transportation lists & seating charts
- Updated contact info for students/staff
- Special assignments/programs/ activities (e.g., Special Education)
- Records of essential visitors

Symptoms experienced at school or child care centre

Immediately alert staff member designated to care for symptomatic individual* in isolation room**. For care of symptomatic individuals, schools to follow the protocol for <u>Management of Ill Individuals</u> <u>during School Hours</u>. Child care to follow <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Public Health Guidelines: Child Care Settings</u>.

Symptoms experienced in transit (on school bus, in car, on bike or foot, or upon arrival at school or child care centre)

If possible, symptomatic individual is to return home before entering the school or child care centre. If this is not possible, immediately alert staff member designated to care for symptomatic individual* in isolation room**. For care of symptomatic individuals, schools to follow the protocol for Management of Ill Individuals during School Hours. Child care to follow COVID-19 Public Health Guidelines: Child Care Settings.

If student/child:

- Contact parent/guardian of student/child for immediate pick-up (older students may walk/drive themselves home).
- Provide parent/guardian/student with Self-isolation Fact Sheet.
- Advise the ill individual and/or their parent or guardian to complete the <u>Ontario COVID-19 School and Child Care</u>
 <u>Screening</u> and have the ill individual follow the direction provided from the results of the above screening.

If staff member: Staff must go home immediately and self-isolate. Advise staff to complete the Ministry of Health COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in School and Child Care and follow the direction provided from the results of the screening. (Note: school/child care centre should have a plan in place for staff coverage).

School/Child Care Centre to call 311 to report details to Halton Region Public Health only if:

- there is a confirmed case of COVID-19;
- there is a probable COVID-19 case (high-risk contact with symptoms or recent travel with symptoms); or
- to report Other Diseases of Public Health Significance.

Staff who require a consultation with a public health nurse or have general COVID-19 questions, should call 311.

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