

# COVID-19 Decision Tool for School Staff and Visitors

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For all situations listed in the flow chart below:

## • (A) Close Contact

- Anyone who is a close contact of a positive case will have to self-isolate for 10 days, and should arrange to get tested with a PCR test immediately and on or after 7 days.
- If someone is self-isolating in the home, household members can go to child care/day camp/school/work but should not leave the home for other non-essential reasons. Essential reasons also include errands such as obtaining groceries, attending medical appointments or picking up prescriptions. Household members who are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and have since been cleared are not required to stay home.
- If the close contact is: (i) without symptoms and fully vaccinated (it has been 14 days or more after getting a second dose of a two dose COVID-19 vaccine series or as defined by the [Ontario Ministry of Health](#) or (ii) is without symptoms and tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 day and was cleared by public health
  - They may not be required to self-isolate, but they will need to monitor for any COVID-19 symptoms for 10 days.
  - They should still go for testing if recommended.
  - They are recommended to avoid non-essential visits to settings with vulnerable populations or where there is a large number of unvaccinated people. They may continue attending these settings for essential reasons (e.g. work, school, child care).

## • (B) Travel Outside of Canada

- Anyone who has travelled outside of Canada is required to self-isolate for 14 days. They are to follow the [federal requirements for travel](#).
- If the traveller does not have symptoms, household members can go to child care/day camp/school/work but should not leave the home for other non-essential reasons. Essential reasons also include errands such as obtaining groceries, attending medical appointments or picking up prescriptions. Household members who are fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine are not required to stay home.
- There are some exemptions for people eligible to enter Canada who also meet specific [federal conditions for fully vaccinated travellers](#).
- If the traveller does not have symptoms and is exempt from [federal quarantine requirements](#), household members do not need to stay home.

