

## Statement of Policy

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In August 2020, The Saskatchewan Re-Open Plan's ***Primary and Secondary Educational Institution Guidelines*** were developed to inform local planning on the resumption of in-classroom learning for students during the 2020-2021 school year. Under these guidelines, local administrative procedures were required for students who were exhibiting signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

## Rationale

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As government restrictions shift (February 2022), certain health promoting measures will continue to be used as protective factors in prioritizing safety for students and staff.

## Procedures

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If a student is exhibiting symptoms of illness while at school, the following steps should be taken to minimize the risk of exposure to others:

1. If, while at a school, a staff member identifies a student exhibiting one or more new unexplained or worsening symptoms of illness (refer to appendix A), the principal or designate shall:
  - a. Inform child's parent or guardian that their child is experiencing symptoms of illness while at school and ask parent or guardian to pick up child until symptoms subside.
  - b. If parent or guardian is unable to pick up child immediately, the child will be accompanied to a wellness space designated by the school until the parent or guardian can arrive and this will be done:
    - i. in a respectful manner that protects the privacy of the student; and,
    - ii. in a manner that is as safe as possible for the staff members and other students and staff.
2. In all interactions with the student, staff members shall:
  - a. avoid contact with the student's respiratory secretions;
  - b. wash their hands adequately with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before and after attending to the student; and,
  - c. arrange for the cleaning of the wellness space as soon as reasonably possible after child no longer needs the space.

## Documents

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**Appendix A – Symptoms of illness – [Saskatchewan.ca/covid19](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19)**

## References

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- The Education Act, 1995 – Section 231 (2)
- The Public Health Act, 1994 – Section 44 (1-2)
- Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan, Primary and Secondary Educational Institution Guidelines, May 2020

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2020/june/18/educational-institution-guidelines>

- [Saskatchewan Safe School Plan, Fall 2020](#)

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## **Appendix A – Symptoms of illness** –Saskatchewan.ca/covid19

At home Rapid Antigen Testing is encouraged for anyone who has ***unexplained new or worsening*** symptoms (even mild symptoms) that may include one or more of the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle and/or joint aches and pains
- Sore throat
- Chills
- Runny nose
- Nasal congestion
- Conjunctivitis
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of appetite (difficulty feeding for children)
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty Breathing

Public Health continues to recommend individuals self-isolate for five days following a positive rapid antigen test. If symptoms persist after five days, individuals should remain at home until symptoms have improved for 48 hours.