



Durham Region Health Department  
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# COVID-19 Full School/In-School Childcare Closure

## What is a COVID-19 Full School/Childcare Closure?

Durham Region Health Department (DRHD) may consider a full school closure when there is concern about widespread or very rapid COVID-19 spread at school that is outside of previously identified cohorts.

Your school/childcare is working closely with DRHD to ensure all necessary health and safety measures are in place to protect the entire school/childcare community. Closures may range from a single classroom up to and including a full school/childcare closure.

## How will I know when the school/childcare is reopened?

DRHD will work closely with your school or childcare to manage the outbreak and identify when the school can reopen. You will be notified by DRHD when the school/childcare is reopened.

## How can I prevent COVID-19?

Follow these steps to help protect yourself from COVID-19:

- wear a [non-medical mask or face covering](#)
- wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- sneeze and cough into your sleeve
- avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- avoid contact with people who are sick
- stay home and [self-isolate](#) if you are sick
- use physical distancing
- get [vaccinated for COVID-19](#), if eligible

It is important to monitor your child/children for symptoms of illness and complete the COVID-19 screening tool which can be found at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/> before sending your child to school or childcare. Do not send your child/children to school or childcare if they are ill.

If symptoms of COVID-19 develop, seek testing at a local COVID-19 Assessment Centre. You can book an appointment for COVID-19 testing in Durham Region by completing the online assessment form at [covidswab.lh.ca](https://covidswab.lh.ca) or <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations>.

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Common COVID-19 symptoms include fever (temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, new decreased or loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea (not caused by other known causes or conditions).

Other symptoms of COVID-19 in adults 18 years and older can include fatigue, lethargy (feeling unwell, lack of energy or extreme tiredness), muscle aches and pain (not caused by other known causes or conditions).

- For more information about COVID-19 please visit [www.durham.ca/COVID19](http://www.durham.ca/COVID19)
- For more information about school-reopening information please visit: [www.durham.ca/schoolsreopening](http://www.durham.ca/schoolsreopening)

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