

COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST (FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18)

Overview

This checklist applies for all children, as well as all students who attend kindergarten through Grade 12, including high school students over 18. Children should be screened every day by completing this checklist before going to school, childcare or other activities. Children may need a parent or guardian to assist them to complete this screening tool.

Screening Questions for Children under 18:

1.	Has the child traveled outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered “YES”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the Government of Canada Travel, Testing, Quarantine and Borders instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high-risk environments. Proceed to question 2. <p>If the child answered “NO”, proceed to question 2.</p>			
2.	<p>Has the child had close contact with a case¹ of COVID-19 in the last 14 days?</p> <p>Face-to-face contact within 2 metres for 15 minutes or longer or direct physical contact such as hugging</p>	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered “YES”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is required to quarantine for 14 days from the last day of exposure, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If they have previously tested positive for COVID-19 in last 90 days before exposure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No quarantine required. Monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Proceed to question 3. If they are fully immunized² against COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No quarantine required. Monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Proceed to question 3. If they are partially immunized³ against COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine for 10 days. If tested on day 7 or later after exposure, quarantine ends after receiving a negative test result. <p>If the child answered “NO” or if they have symptoms, proceed to question 3.</p>			
3.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following core symptoms:		
	<p>Fever Temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or higher</p>	YES	NO
	<p>Cough Continuous, more than usual, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma</p>	YES	NO
	<p>Shortness of breath Continuous, unable to breathe deeply, not related to other known causes or conditions such as asthma</p>	YES	NO
	<p>Loss of sense of smell or taste Not related to other known causes or conditions like allergies or neurological disorders</p>	YES	NO
<p>If the child answered “YES” to any symptom in question 3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child is required to isolate for 10 days from onset of symptoms as per CMOH Order 35-2021 OR receive a negative COVID-19 test and feel better before returning to activities Use the AHS Online Assessment Tool or call Health Link 811 to arrange for testing and to receive additional information on isolation. <p>If the child answered “NO” to all of the symptoms in question 3, proceed to question 4.</p>			

4.	Does the child have any new onset (or worsening) of the following other symptoms:		
	Chills Without fever, not related to being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	Sore throat/painful swallowing Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or reflux	YES	NO
	Runny nose/congestion Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as seasonal allergies or being outside in cold weather	YES	NO
	Feeling unwell/fatigued Lack of energy, poor feeding in infants, not related to other known causes or conditions, such as depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or sudden injury	YES	NO
	Nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety, medication or irritable bowel syndrome	YES	NO
	Unexplained loss of appetite Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as anxiety or medication	YES	NO
	Muscle/joint aches Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as arthritis or injury	YES	NO
	Headache Not related to other known causes/conditions, such as tension-type headaches or chronic migraines	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (commonly known as pink eye)	YES	NO

If the child answered “YES” to ONE symptom in question 4:

- Keep your child home and monitor for 24 hours.
- If their symptom is **improving** after 24 hours, they can return to school and activities when they feel well enough to go. Testing is not necessary.
- If the symptom **does not improve or worsens** after 24 hours (or if additional symptoms emerge), use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to check if testing is recommended.

If the child answered “YES” to TWO OR MORE symptoms in question 4:

- Keep your child home.
- Use the [AHS Online Assessment Tool](#) or call Health Link 811 to determine if testing is recommended.
- Your child can return to school and activities once their symptoms go away as long as it has been at least 24 hours since their symptoms started.

If the child answered “NO” to all questions:

- Your child may attend school, childcare and/or other activities.

Please note: If your child is experiencing any symptoms from the lists above, do not bring them to visit a continuing care or acute care facility for 10 days from when symptoms started or until symptoms resolve (whichever is longer), unless they receive a negative COVID-19 test result and feel better.

¹ A lab-confirmed case OR a probable case as defined in the [Alberta COVID-19 Notifiable Disease Guideline](#)

² Fully-immunized = 14 days after having received two doses of vaccine in a 2 dose vaccine series OR 1 dose in a 1 dose vaccine series.

³ Partially-immunized = 14 days after having received one dose of vaccine in a 2 dose vaccine series

NOTE: Individuals who are immunocompromised and fully-immunized should follow quarantine requirements for partially-immunized individuals; those who are immunocompromised and partially immunized should follow the protocol for those who have not been immunized. Profoundly immunocompromised persons should always consult with their primary care provider if exposed.