

## **Covid-19 School Screening Plan Caledonia Secondary School**

We are beginning an illness tracking program at the school and along with this, a communication strategy for parents and students when an illness is reported to the school. If a student's symptoms fall into any Covid symptoms category, we will advise parents on next steps as outlined below.

### **COVID-19 key symptoms to watch for:**

- Fever
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Nausea
- Vomiting and diarrhea

\*If a parent indicates that symptoms are consistent with a previously diagnosed health condition and are not unusual for that student, they may return to school once they feel well enough to do so.

- For mild symptoms without fever, students can monitor at home for 24 hours. If symptoms improve, they can return to school without further assessment.

### **WHEN TO SEEK A HEALTH ASSESSMENT:**

- **If symptoms include fever**
- **If after 24 hours, symptoms remain unchanged or worsen**

**A health assessment can include:**

- **calling 8-1-1**
- **calling a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner**
- **Going to a COVID-19 testing centre (Mills Memorial Hospital)**

### **If a COVID-19 test is recommended by a health assessment:**

- **Positive test:** Student should stay home and self-isolate until they are told when they can end their isolation by a public health official. Public health will contact everyone with a positive test.
- **Negative test:** The student can return to school once the symptoms have improved and they feel well enough.

\*Students for whom a COVID-19 test is recommended, but do **not** get tested, and the symptoms are not related to a previously diagnosed health condition, **they will be asked to stay home from school until 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and then may return if feeling well enough to do so.**

**If a COVID-19 test is NOT recommended by a health assessment:**

- The student can return to school when symptoms have improved and when they feel well enough to do so.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK:**

Please contact the school to report the illness. If your child is experiencing any symptoms to watch for as listed above, please include the following information:

- Which symptom(s) your child has;
- How you have completed a health assessment as outlined above;
- The results of the health assessment;
- If a COVID-19 test was conducted.

**IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL:**

- We will conduct a health check in the office, including taking the student's temperature
- We will contact a parent to report the illness and request the student be picked up as soon as possible
- The student will be isolated in a ventilated space until such time as they can be picked up and will be required to wear a mask