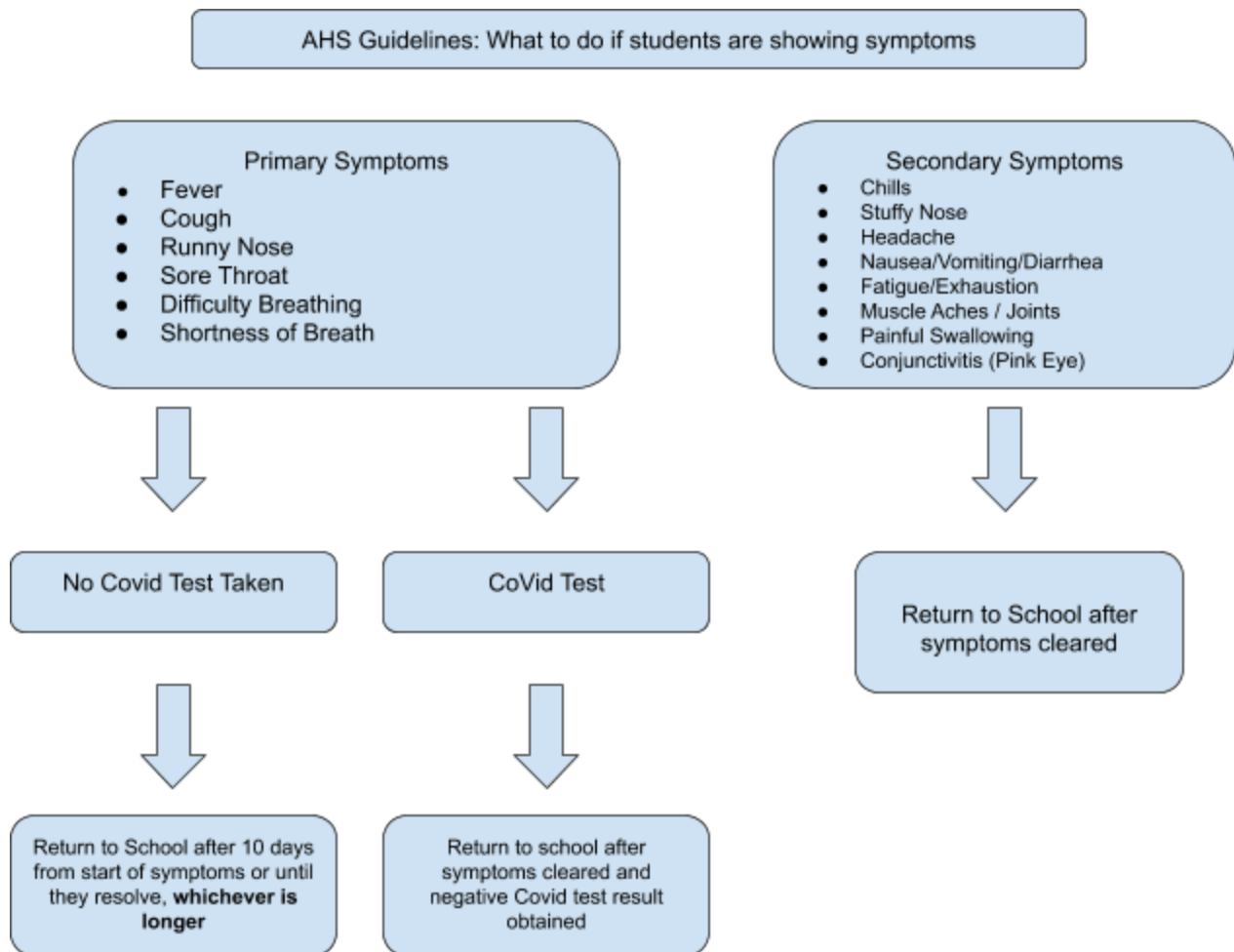


WMES: Responding to students who are showing signs of Illness

First of all, we would like to thank our families for their dedication to following the guidelines set out by Alberta Health Services around illness and schools. We know that this can be challenging to navigate for many families, and appreciate the care and attention to all the details around coming back to school.

We have been getting many questions on a daily basis around the screening tool and what to do if your children present with symptoms. While there are many flowcharts out there, we tried to simplify it even more in order to reduce confusion. **A reminder that when a student presents with any of the primary or secondary symptoms, AHS recommends calling Alberta Health Link at *811**

We hope this helps clear up any further confusion.



If student is exposed to a known case of CoVid, these guidelines don't apply and student must follow the 14 day quarantine issued by Alberta Health Services

Frequently Asked Questions

Do all my children in the house need to stay home if one has symptoms or has to get a test?

No. Only children who present with symptoms need to stay home and wait for symptoms to resolve.

I know it is only a fall cold. Everyone gets sick at this time of year. Do I still need to stay home?

Yes, all staff and students must follow the above protocol set out by AHS. These are legal requirements and can be found in their entirety on AHS website or our school website. While we understand and empathize with the difficulty of the situation, one of the guidelines for a return to school was strict adherence to the screening guidelines for illness.

What happens if my child develops symptoms while at school during the day?

Your child will be brought down to the office. A member of the administration team will assess the situation and determine what the symptoms are. All circumstances will be taken into consideration. Did they just come in from recess or finish gym? Do they just need to rest for a bit? Are they anxious and that is causing a stomach ache? Do they have a fever? If a school administrator determines that the child is showing either primary or secondary symptoms, a call will be made home and your child will need to be picked up. They then must follow the appropriate response depending on the symptoms.

Do I have to give the school a copy of the negative CoVid test to come back to school?

No, the school does not require the physical results of the test. If your child has received a negative test and their symptoms have resolved, they may come back to school.

It looks like my child will be out for a minimum 4 or 5 days to go through the process of getting a CoVid test, waiting for the results, and waiting for the symptoms to resolve. What do we do about missed work?

This is a great question. As we continue to learn more about educating students during these times, we are looking to improve our processes at school. We are striving to find ways to provide work opportunities for students through channels like SeeSaw, Google Classroom and even the old fashioned stop by and pick up work. We will continue to develop these processes to find ways to ensure our students are still learning. We promise you that we will work with

each and everyone of our students to ensure they are progressing in all key areas around literacy and numeracy.

My child has a pre-existing condition that causes them to have symptoms on and off through the year. (allergies, asthma, ect) Do I have to follow these guidelines?

All pre-existing conditions need to be documented with the school. They may be required to get a baseline CoVid test if symptoms that present are considered primary. Please call the school and speak to administration to discuss your individual situation.

What happens if/when there is a positive CoVid test or is considered to have close contact or known exposure with a confirmed case of CoVid?

If there is a positive CoVid test, Alberta Health Services, will dictate what happens for a family, other students, and the school. Communication would be made at that time.

Where can I find more information on the Alberta Health Services Guidelines?

LRSD and school documents available on our school website under School Re-entry guidelines.