

Communicable Disease Update

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Updated BCCDC Guidance for What to Do If You've Tested Positive for COVID-19

BCCDC recently updated their guidance for what to do [if a person has symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19](#). This includes that people with symptoms who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home until their fever has resolved and they feel well enough to participate in daily activities.

Share Immunization Information

Public health is encouraging everyone to stay up to date on their immunizations, including for COVID-19 and influenza (flu). Vaccines are safe and the best way to prevent influenza and severe illness from COVID-19. Schools are encouraged to share that staff, parents, caregivers, and students can get trusted information from [Immunize BC](#).

When to Contact Public Health for Support with Communicable Disease Management

Schools are reminded to:

- Notify their Medical Health Officer and the Ministry (erase@gov.bc.ca) when they are considering or implementing a functional closure.
- Contact public health if they have concerns about communicable disease transmission within the school setting and require additional support.
 - Schools do not need to routinely share attendance information with public health.