If your child becomes unwell or develops new or worsening health symptoms while at school, the following measures will take place:

- Monitor your child until you arrive
- Escort them to an isolation room/area in the school
- Have them wash their hands
- Call you to come pick them up
- Give them a mask to wear (if tolerated)
- Advise you to complete the COVID-19 Self-assessment: https://covid-self-assessment.novascotia.ca or if unable to access the online tool, call 811

By completing the online assessment, you will be advised if your child needs to be tested for COVID-19. Household members, including siblings, do not need to stay home if they do not have any symptoms.

- If a test is **not required**, your child may return when they are feeling better with no fever medication for 24 hours. Mild lingering symptoms such as cough or runny nose does not prevent individuals from returning. Repeat the assessment for any new or worsening symptoms.
- If a COVID-19 test is **required**, your child will need to stay home until the test results come back.
- If the test is **positive**, public health will follow up and provide support and will advise when your child can return to school.
- If the test is **negative**, your child may return when they are feeling better with no fever medication for 24 hours. Mild lingering symptoms such as cough or runny nose does not prevent individuals from returning. Repeat the assessment for any new or worsening symptoms.
- If public health tells you that your child is considered a **close contact** of someone with COVID-19, they will need to stay home for 14 days. Household members of that child do not need to stay home unless they are also a close contact of someone with COVID-19.

We know that keeping children home is difficult for families. Taking a cautious approach is important to control the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses. This plan may change based on new information.