

Medical Waiting Room

- **Purpose:**
 - This is a separate space from the nurse's office or the regular space for providing medical care.
 - It may be located near a nurse's or other health related office.
 - The medical waiting room will be used when a student presenting with COVID-19 symptoms needs to be separated.
 - From a facilities perspective, every effort should be made to find a self-contained space, ideally near an exit/entrance and with a dedicated bathroom.
- **Staffing:**
 - When occupied, the medical waiting room should always be monitored by appropriate staff while following necessary protective and safety measures.
- **Masks required:**
 - Masks are always strictly required in this space, even for students in kindergarten and grade 1.
 - The individual supervising this space must always maintain 6 feet of physical distance, remain masked, and wear a face shield or goggles.
 - Be sure to have face shields or appropriate goggles available to staff.
 - Personal protective equipment guidance recommends that nurses or other staff in this area be equipped with N-95 masks.
 - If a student is unable to wear a mask, there should be no other students in this room.
- **Hand hygiene:**
 - Hand washing facilities or hand sanitizer needs to be used when entering and leaving the space, as well as before and after eating.
- **Food/drink:**
 - If any food or drink must be consumed before the student is picked up, the individual should be walked outside to consume food or drink if possible (because mask will have to be taken off for eating).
 - If not possible to go outside, one student can consume food or drink at a time in the medical waiting room, but, again, only if all others remain at least 6 feet away.
- **Ventilation:**
 - When possible, this space should have windows that open and exhaust directly into the outdoors.
 - Depending upon the facility, other options should be explored to increase ventilation to this area and/or otherwise improve the air filtration.
- **Size:**
 - This space should be large enough to accommodate several individuals at least 6 feet apart.
 - All people in the COVID-19 waiting room must be as far apart as possible and no less than 6 feet apart, even when masked.