

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)



Temperature Screening Guidance

The Ministry of Health recommends several public health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. One of these, is daily screening for body temperature before entering a school or day care.

The purpose of the screening is to identify persons who are sick, stop them from entering and reduce the risk of infection. A body temperature reading greater than 38°C (100.4°F), taken a second time if necessary, will prevent the student, staff or visitor from entering the school.

The screening of body temperature for a school or day care's staff, students and visitors must:

- **1.** Happen when the person arrives and before entry;
- Be with a non-touch, hand-held infrared thermometer;
- **3.** Be as per the manufacturing guidelines to ensure the thermometer's accuracy, reliability and consistency. Most of the thermometers recommend the front of the forehead for accuracy.

Infrared thermometers work by using a lens to focus light from the body to a sensor. The sensors measures the heat from the body turning it to electricity to read the temperature.

It's easy to use and takes less than 20 seconds, but readings can be affected by clothing, location and environmental factors such as exposure to direct sunlight and humidity.

For more information on School and Day Care protocols visit: https://www.gov.bm/coronavirus-schools





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