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COVID-19 symptoms and cases - actions for schools

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Refer to PPE guidance

Sits within context of the: Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Outbreak Control Plan





COVID-19 Symptoms: New, continuous cough OR high temperature OR loss of, OR change in, normal sense of taste or smell

Stay away/go home from school if: Have COVID-19 symptoms OR Positive COVID-19 test in last 10 days OR In a household with positive test in last 14 days OR Advised to by NHS Test and Trace.

Symptomatic person in school community

Arrange to send the person home.

If the person is seriously unwell call 999

Isolate, if possible behind closed door or 2m away from others, with an open window.

Clean isolation room and bathroom if used, following guidance below.

Notify:

Isolate individuals

* Result of test may change isolation period

separately

 Coventry City Council: <u>COVID19schools@coventry.gov.uk</u>

Advise the person sent home to:

- Arrange a test through <u>online portal</u> or via 119 and self-isolate for 10 days*
- Follow <u>'Stay at home'</u> & <u>Easy read</u> guidance
- (Note: if person unwilling to have a test they must still self-isolate for 10 days)
- Household members must selfisolate for 14 days*
- School staff can now self-refer, by using the: <u>Portal for essential</u> <u>workers</u>.

Single Positive COVID-19 test in school community

Notify (for every positive result)

- Coventry City Council (Coventry Public Health and Education) COVID19schools@coventry.gov.uk

Rapid risk assessment carried out to confirm who has been in close contact and is required to self-isolate.

School should send home (for 14 days from last contact with a positive case) those in close contact with positive case and communicate with parents/carers.

If someone who has been asked to self-isolate becomes symptomatic they should get a test and refer to 'Stay at Home' guidance.

Negative Continue to self isolate for

14 days

Positive
Isolate for at least 10 days, until
well and fever free for 48 hrs.
Follow <u>'Stay at home'</u> guidance.

Household contacts isolate for 14 days

2 or more people in a school community, with a plausible link, with symptoms ("outbreak")

If individual is in school follow "symptomatic person in school community" flow-chart.

Notify immediately:

- Health Protection Team (Regional)
 (HPT) in PHE 0344 225 3560
 (option 0 option 2); &
- Coventry City Council: <u>COVID19schools@coventry.gov.uk</u>

The HPT will complete a risk assessment, notify and liaise with the local authority by email and consider need for an Outbreak Control Team (OCT).

Identification of contacts who need to isolate; this may be a small number, whole year group or site.

HPT may advise widespread testing which may inform further actions.

Schools to send letter if appropriate (provided by HPT) to contacts and non-contacts.

No immediate action to send others home

Negative Can return to school when well, including fever free for

48 hours.Household can stop isolating.

Positive

- Follow positive COVID-19 test process.
- Person to isolate for at least 10 days from onset of symptoms AND until well (including fever free for 48 hrs)
- Household isolates for full 14 days.

Close contact is defined as, contact in the infectious period (2 clear days before to 10 days following the day of symptom onset/test [if no symptoms] i.e. if symptoms/test on Wednesday then trace contacts on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and then up to 10 days, in the following situations;

- Direct close contacts face-to-face for any length of time
- Proximity contacts within 1m for over 1 min or within 1-2m for more than 15 mins
- Travelling in a small vehicle, like a car (or on public transport if no face covering worn by case)

Cleaning; Please refer to detailed guidance for cleaning of non-healthcare settings

- For both routine cleaning, and cleaning following a symptomatic person having been in your setting in the infectious period please follow the key points below
- Use disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mop heads.
- Use, as in cleaning routine, a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1,000 parts per million available chlorine (ppm av. Cl.) OR household detergent followed by disinfection (1000ppm av. Cl.) OR if an alternative disinfectant is used ensure it is effective against enveloped viruses.
- Any waste from suspected cases and cleaning of areas should be double bagged and stored for 72 hours before disposal as normal.

Note: If a child develops at least one of the COVID-19 symptoms AND testing is unavailable AND they have; Recent return from travel in last 14 days, OR Contact with a known case in last 14 days OR

- Contact with a known case in last 14 days OR
 An adult in the house with symptoms
- Follow the process for positive COVID-19 test (assumed positive).