

COVID-19 symptoms and cases - actions for Schools/Early Years settings

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<p>Index case Person who develops symptoms or has positive LFT/PCR test result</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If have symptoms: Stay at home, avoid contact with others and arrange COVID-19 PCR test.• PCR tests can be arranged through the online portal or via 119.• If have a positive LFD test (no symptoms): no need to confirm LFT with PCR. Stay at home and avoid contact with others• If PCR result is negative: end self-isolation when well and have not had a temperature for 48 hours• If PCR result is positive (in individual with symptoms) or they have a positive LFT (without symptoms):• Self-isolate for 5 days (minimum) after the day of symptom onset/test (if no symptoms) – which is day 0• If you get two negative LFTs on days 5 and 6, it's safe for you to resume your usual activities.• However, if you deisolate before 10 days, you should avoid contact with vulnerable individuals• <i>For some special schools with children with complex learning difficulties or medical needs, we would support 10 day isolation for cases.</i>
<p>Close contacts Including household contacts</p>	<p>If PCR result of index case is positive or they have a positive LFT: <i>it is recommended that you notify close contacts of cases (see definitions in bottom right box).</i></p> <p><u>Adults and children in mainstream settings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take LFT tests regularly where possible.• Be vigilant for symptoms and avoid contact with vulnerable individuals. <p><u>Adults and children aged 11+ in SEND settings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No requirement for self isolation but recommend 7 days of daily LFT testing. <p><i>NB Adults who are contacts of household positive cases should work from home if they are able.</i></p>
<p>Schools</p>	<p>If the individual is in the setting when they become symptomatic: Isolate individual and arrange for them to go home (or call 999 if seriously unwell). If possible, should isolate behind a closed door or 2m away from others, with an open window. Clean isolation room (and bathroom if used).</p> <p><u>Notification of all LFT or PCR positive cases</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify all cases to COVID19schools@coventry.gov.uk or Eycentral@coventry.gov.uk until 6th March 2022. Following this, please contact the LA for advice on outbreak management, particularly if you have met the DfE trigger thresholds in the contingency framework guidance, or otherwise if you need advice and support• LA (with UKHSA as appropriate) will complete a risk assessment, provide advice, and determine whether an Incident Management Team meeting required. <p><u>Identification of close contacts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schools should identify close contacts so that they can take any precautions necessary.• Schools should send letter to contacts (provided by LA) <div data-bbox="1097 805 2195 1415" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><p>COVID-19 symptoms: New, continuous cough OR high temperature OR loss/ change in sense of taste or smell. Anyone with these symptoms should start self-isolating and arrange a COVID-19 test. Other possible COVID-19 symptoms include: tiredness, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, muscle ache, blocked/runny nose, diarrhoea and vomiting, cold like symptoms.</p><p>LFT: Lateral flow tests are for asymptomatic screening only. LFTs should not be used for individuals with symptoms. From 11th January positive LFT tests do not need to be confirmed by PCR unless an individual needs to claim self-isolation payment.</p><p>Close contacts: anyone who has had the following contact with the index individual:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Face-to-face for any length of time• Within 1 metre for 1 minute or more.• Within 1-2 metres for 15 mins or more (either as a one-off contact for over 15 minutes, or shorter contacts added together over one day)• Travel in a vehicle• Note – all children in the same classes/group may be close contacts, plus any others identified – e.g. break times, lunch times, before and after coming into the setting (including on transport)<p>Period when to contact trace: Contact trace for the two clear days prior to the day of symptom onset/test (if no symptoms) and isolate for the 5 full days after this day. Example: if symptom onset (and day they were last in setting) was on Wednesday, then trace for Wed, Tues, and Mon</p></div>

Cleaning: Please refer to detailed guidance for [cleaning of non-healthcare settings](#) and for both routine cleaning, and cleaning following an infectious person having been in your 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 combined detergent/disinfectant is used ensure it is effective against enveloped viruses and meets EN 14476 standards (including any wipes used)
- Any waste from suspected cases and cleaning of areas should be double bagged and stored for 72 hours before disposal as normal.