Public Health England

East of England Guidance for management of Covid-19 in schools (August 2020)

Prevent the spread of infection by maintaining high standards of hygiene, including hand washing and regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. This will help prevent Covid-19 spreading in schools, as well as other infectious diseases.

If you have any general questions or concerns, please contact Luton Council Public Health Team on **public.health@luton.gov.uk**.

To notify a case(s), please call the Public Health England (PHE) in the East of England on **0300 303 8537**. If the matter is not urgent you can also email **eoe.crc@phe.gov.uk**.

GUIDANCE: Visit **gov.uk/coronavirus** for detailed schools guidance, including cleaning and the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in schools.

SUSPECTED case in child or staff member

If the child is in the setting – isolate away from others and send home. (refer to PPE guidance if personal care is required within 2m)

Clean and disinfect rooms the suspected case was using – ensure appropriate PPE (gloves and an apron) are used.

Advise that the child/staff member gets tested.
Online via **nhs.uk/coronavirus** or call **NHS 111**

Ensure child/staff member isolates at home for 10 days (from date of onset of symptoms, or from test date if no symptoms) and until no fever for 48 hours . The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Result of test

Negative | Positive

Child/staff member can return once well.

CONFIRMED case(s) in child or staff member

Ensure child/staff member isolates at home for 10 days (from date on onset of symptoms or date of test if no symptoms) and until no fever for 48 hours.

Contact PHE to notify of case & discuss risk assessment of contacts. Contacts in the school will need to isolate at home for 14 days. If the case is in a 'bubble' that does not distance the rest of the bubble is likely to need to isolate – PHE will assist with defining who the contacts are

The PHE will undertake an assessment to determine if any contacts in the setting need to isolate at home for 14 days (their wider household will NOT need to isolate).

If appropriate, PHE will provide letters to schools to send out:
- to contacts, required to isolate for 14 days
- to all pupils and staff, advising on symptoms and how to get tested, if symptomatic

Ensure that the rooms the suspected case was using are cleaned and disinfected– ensure appropriate PPE (gloves and an apron) are used.

If further suspected or confirmed cases occur within the group of contacts, they need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms (the rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.) PHE must be informed of all cases.

Cases and contacts can return to school once the isolation period is completed.

Five principles

- Clean! Clean! Clean!
- Small group numbers
- Avoid/reduce mixing
- Declutter and reduce sharing
- Wash your hands

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