

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 infection control concerns or questions please call the South West Health Protection Team on 0300 303 8162. If the matter is not urgent you can also email swhpt@phe.gov.uk.
 GUIDANCE: Visit gov.uk/coronavirus for detailed schools guidance and other guidance
 TESTING: Visit nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test

SUSPECTED case in child or staff member

Ensure child/staff member isolates at home for 8 days (day of onset PLUS 7 days)
 The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Contact PHE SW HPT on 0300 303 8162 to notify of single case so we can support risk assessment and follow up.

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

Advise that the child/staff member get tested.
 Staff and children over 5: online via nhs.uk/coronavirus
 Children under 5: Call NHS 111.

Result of test?

Positive for COVID-19
 FOLLOW THE CONFIRMED CASE process

Negative for COVID-19

Case can return once well.
 Contacts can stop self-isolating and carry on as normal.

CONFIRMED case in child or staff member

Ensure child/staff member isolates at home for 8 days (day of onset PLUS 7 days)
 The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Contact PHE SW HPT on 0300 303 8162 to notify of single case so we can support risk assessment and follow up.

Advise that anyone with symptoms get tested
 Staff and children over 5: online via nhs.uk/coronavirus
 Children under 5: Call NHS 111.

The HPT will undertake an assessment to determine who, if any contacts in the setting need to self-isolate at home for 14 days. [The wider household will NOT need to isolate]

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

Maintain the level of cleaning in these areas – even if not being used due to isolation protocols

If further suspected or confirmed cases occur within this group they need to isolate for 8 days from the onset of symptoms.

Any siblings also in the same setting (but a different, unaffected area) would need to isolate at this point

Cases & contacts can return once the isolation period is completed

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)

2 or more CONFIRMED cases in the same group or class

Contact PHE SW HPT on 0300 303 8162 to notify of cases so we can support risk assessment and follow up.

Ensure children/staff isolate at home for 8 days (day of onset PLUS 7 days)
 The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Advise that all suspected cases get tested
 Staff and children over 5: online via nhs.uk/coronavirus
 Children under 5: Call NHS 111.

The HPT will undertake an assessment to determine who, if any contacts in the setting need to self-isolate at home for 14 days. [The wider household will NOT need to isolate]

Clean and disinfect affected rooms / areas – ensure appropriate PPE (minimum gloves and apron) are used.
 * Refer to cleaning guidance available on gov.uk

SW HPT will provide tools to support outbreak communications

Call the HPT again if:

- The situation worsens considerably
- There are any hospitalisations or complex cases
- Any media interest
- Any other concerns you feel you need support with

COVID-19 Case Definition:
 (as of 18/05/20)

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Cleaning:
 For detailed guidance refer to the guidance on gov.uk:

Routine measures during COVID-19 pandemic should already be to outbreak standard.

PPE should be worn for cleaning – minimum gloves and disposable apron. Consider using face mask and eye protection if risk is high – ie. Cleaning areas where there are visible bodily fluids.

Public areas (e.g. corridors – clean as normal)

Surfaces that could be contaminated need cleaning and disinfection.

All frequently touched surfaces (door handles, taps, table tops, keyboards etc.) should also be cleaned and disinfected.

Use disposable cloths or paper roll, disposable mop heads to clean hard surfaces (e.g. floors, sanitary fittings, chairs, tables)

Use a combined detergent and disinfectant or use a two-stage cleaning process of detergent (household type cleaner) followed by a hypochlorite solution (1000ppm) e.g. diluted Milton. [Check chemicals in use are effective against enveloped viruses]

Avoid splashes and spray when cleaning where possible.

Waste: Any COVID-19 related waste should be double-bagged and stored for 72 hours before usual disposal.

Five key principles

