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Index case Person who develops symptoms

or has positive LFT/

PCR test result

- If have symptoms: Immediately start self-isolation and arrange COVID-19 PCR test.
- PCR tests can be arranged through the online portal or via 119.
- During self-isolation, individuals should follow 'stay at home' guidance
- If have a positive LFD test (no symptoms): no need to confirm LFT with PCR (unless individual needs to claim self-isolation payment) need to isolate and treat as positive case (see boxes on left hand side of flowchart).

If PCR result is negative: end self-isolation when well and have not had a temperature for 48 hours (unless not exempt from isolation and someone else in household is symptomatic/positive)

If PCR result is positive (in individual with symptoms) or they have a positive LFT (without symptoms):

- Continue to self-isolate for 5 days (minimum) after the day of symptom onset/test (if no symptoms) which is day 0
- Self-isolation can end after a lateral flow test on day 6 if they have had 2 LFT tests taken 24 hours apart (on Day 5 and Day 6) and they are well and do not have a temperature.
- . They should work from home if able, wear a face covering and limit contact especially with vulnerable individuals until the end of the 10 day period.
- If symptoms start whilst isolating, isolation period starts again day of symptom onset = day 0
- For some special schools with children with complex learning difficulties or medical needs, we would support 10 day isolation for cases.

Close contacts Including household contacts

If PCR result of index cases is negative, close contacts who are self-isolating (i.e. adults who are not doubly vaccinated should isolate from onset of symptoms in their contact) can deisolate if no symptoms.

If PCR result of index case is positive or they have a positive LFT: action depends on age and vaccination status:

Adults who are not doubly vaccinated

- Continue to self-isolate for 10 clear days after the day of last contact with index case.
- If develop COVID-19 symptoms, arrange PCR test as soon as possible.

Child **OR** adult who had second vaccine dose at least 2 weeks before contact

• No requirement for self-isolation, but is strongly recommended to take an LFT test daily for 7 days prior to coming into the setting (and then continue with twice weekly LFT testing). For special schools where testing is difficult, we recommend a PCR as a minimum, plus LFT testing where possible.

Schools

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).

Notification of all LFT or PCR positive cases:

- Complete DfE Daily Education Settings form. Contact <u>education-corona@warwickshire.gov.uk</u> in hours during the week and <u>dphadmin@warwickshire.gov.uk</u> out of hours for outbreak advice.
- LA (with UKHSA as appropriate) will complete a risk assessment, provide advice, and determine whether an Incident Management Team meeting required.

Identification of close contacts

- Schools should identify close contacts who need to self-isolate or test (see self-isolation/testing rules above and close contact definitions to right).
- Schools should send letter to contacts (provided by LA)

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.

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.

Close contacts: anyone who has had the following contact with the index individual:

- 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)

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 10 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

Cleaning: Please refer to detailed guidance for <u>cleaning of non-healthcare settings</u> 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.