

Covid 19 – Actions to take with possible infection or confirmed infection in a setting v1

Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) as per PHE & NHS are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, sense of taste or smell

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Next steps

With any of the symptoms above the child/member of staff must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19 – See **Section 5 - Testing** (below).

What do we mean by possible or confirmed coronavirus infection (COVID-19)?

- **Possible infection** is where a person has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms and is currently awaiting a test result. **See Column 1**
- **Confirmed infection** is where a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). **See Column 2**

Telephone numbers

Public Health England 0151 200 0514

PHE /Wirral Infection Control Team 0151 604 7750

NHS 119 (telephone to arrange a test if unable to access the internet)

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<p>What happens if someone becomes unwell at an educational or childcare setting? Possible infection (with symptoms as above)</p>	<p>What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a setting? Confirmed infection</p>	<p>Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative</p>	<p>Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive</p>
<p>They must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection guidance</p> <p>Return to school only on receipt of a confirmed negative test result.</p> <p>If no test is taken, then follow Gov.uk guidance link: <i>If you live with others and you are the first in the household to have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), then you must stay at home for at least 7 days. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill.</i></p>	<p>They must be sent home and advised to follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection guidance</p> <p>Instructed to self-isolate for 7 days and arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19. (see below). Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days and must arrange to have a test to see if they have COVID-19.</p> <p>See Section 5. Testing to arrange testing or see NHS.UK or contact NHS 119 via telephone if no access to computer.</p> <p>Tests negative see Column 3</p> <p>Tests positive see Column 4</p>	<p>Negative confirmed test result received for Covid 19.</p> <p>The child, young person or staff member can return to their setting and their fellow household members can end their self-isolation.</p>	<p>Positive confirmed test result received for Covid 19.</p> <p>The whole class/bubble and staff members in the bubble should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>The other household members of that wider bubble, class or group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person, or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.</p> <p>Cleaning School to ensure thorough cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people</p>

<p>The bubble and the member(s) of staff who helped pupil/staff member with symptoms, do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, a test is available) or the pupil/staff member subsequently tests positive. See Column 2</p> <p>Assisting member of staff should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell.</p> <p>Cleaning School to ensure thorough cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people</p>	<p>If no test is taken, then follow Gov.uk guidance: <i>If you live with others and you are the first in the household to have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), then you must stay at home for at least 7 days. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the household became ill.</i></p>		
<h2>5. Testing</h2>			
<p>NHS Testing - children</p> <p>All children and young people eligible to attend education and childcare settings, and members of their households, will have access to testing if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). This will enable them to get back into childcare or education, and their parents or carers to get back to work, if the test proves to be negative.</p>	<p>Satellite testing for LA employees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LA employees including teachers and support staff can now access testing at a number of ‘satellite sites’. Managers of these key workers can refer their staff for testing online. These key workers can also access testing at the Government's regional sites (Haydock and Manchester, in the North West). 		

Parents will have several routes to access testing for them and their children. Visit the [guidance on coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing and how to arrange to have a test](#).

- Key workers and individuals not covered by the satellite options may be able to access regional testing via the Government's national online portal. View the Government's criteria for testing at regional sites [here](#)

The criteria is:

- Key workers (with symptoms) or household members (with symptoms) causing a key worker to need to self-isolate.
- Testing should be in the first **FIVE** days of the onset of COVID-19 symptoms
- No testing after day **FIVE** unless it is for a specific reason agreed on a case by case basis by local microbiologists
- 5-18-year olds can be tested at the satellite testing sites. **These swabs will need to be taken by the parent or guardian.**

It is critical that only eligible individuals are sent to test centres for COVID-19 testing. This is to ensure value of the test itself, and to ensure that all tests are being used to help get key workers who are isolating back to work.

Booking a test

Booking for satellite testing sites is **by manager referral only**

Satellite testing centres

Eligible staff will be contacted, and appointments will be offered, where possible, at one of the following sites:

- Wirral
- Chester
- Liverpool
- Crewe

What happens next?

- Wirral's Local Testing Co-ordinating Team will contact key workers using the details provided to confirm their eligibility for a test, as well as date, time and site for test appointment
- Staff will then receive an email confirmation of their test appointment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff must attend at the specified date and time with photographic ID and their email confirmation. Only staff with all this information will be accepted for testing. <p>When will staff receive their results?</p> <p>Staff will receive their results by text message on the mobile number you have provided as soon as they are ready. This may take up to 72 hours. Once they have received their results, staff must contact their employers and the Local Testing Co-ordinating Team informing them of their results and continue to follow the relevant Government guidance.</p>
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