

# Guidance for Management of COVID-19 Cases in Milton Keynes Education Settings From Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2022

All settings need to have an "Outbreak Management Plan" in place to step up measures if required.

For any **SUSPECTED** or **CONFIRMED** case of COVID-19 in a staff member or young person please follow the flow chart below.

**SUSPECTED** case in child/young person or staff member who has COVID-19 symptoms

If the child/young person/staff is in the setting – isolate away from others and send home.

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

Advise the parent/carer or staff member to book a **PCR test** as soon as possible online via the website [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). Or by phone on **NHS 119** for those without the internet.

Ensure child/young person/staff member isolates at home until test result. The rest of the household does **NOT NEED** to isolate if they are \*:

- Under 18 and 6 months and/or
- Double vaccinated and/or
- Part of a COVID Vaccine trial and/or
- Cannot have a COVID vaccine for medical reasons (confirmed by a medical professional)

If none of the above apply then household contacts must isolate until the test result.

**Result of test** (setting notified by parent/carer or staff member).

**NEGATIVE**

**POSITIVE**

Child/young person/staff member can return to setting once well. Any household contacts can stop isolating.

Positive cases can return once the isolation period is completed if they are well. If they still have a fever, diarrhoea or are being sick, they should continue to isolate until 48hrs after symptoms – as per usual sickness protocol.

**CONFIRMED** case(s) in child/young person or staff member by EITHER:  
Positive **PCR** Test or Positive **LFD** Test

A pupil /staff member isolates at home for up to 10 days. In line with national [guidance](#) anyone testing positive can take LFD tests no earlier than day 5 and day 6 of the isolation period. The tests must be done on consecutive days. If both tests are negative, they can leave self-isolation as soon as they have got the negative result from the second test provided they do not have a temperature. If they decide not to carry out LFD testing, they should continue with their self-isolation for the full 10 days.

Please note, their household/close contacts do **NOT NEED** to isolate if they meet certain criteria (see \*). If none of these above apply, household contacts must isolate for 10 days.

**Notify the Local Authority** of confirmed case(s) by sending through a covid case tracker spreadsheet to [C19SettingsandSchools@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:C19SettingsandSchools@milton-keynes.gov.uk).

- **Early years, Primary & Special Schools** – Daily (unless a nil return)
- **Secondary Schools** - Each Monday and Thursday (as a minimum)

This information will help the local Public Health team to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on educational settings. We may request additional information to manage outbreaks.

For any concerns, support or issues contact the **DfE COVID-19 National Helpline** on **0800 046 8687** Alternatively contact your local Public Health Team - [C19SettingsandSchools@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:C19SettingsandSchools@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or [public.health@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:public.health@bedford.gov.uk) (Out of Hours)

From 11<sup>th</sup> Jan onwards, a follow up PCR test is not required for those testing positive with a LFD. See [here](#) for more details.

## CLOSE CONTACT TRACING

- Close contacts should be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
- Settings may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace to assist contact tracing.
- If your setting reaches a threshold, your PH team will support you to ask all those in the affected cohort to take a daily LFD tests over a 7 day period if they are in Yr R or above. If during this time the LFD test is positive, the individual must self-isolate and follow national guidance
- You will need to ask close contacts of a positive case in your setting to isolate if they are over 18 & 6 months and have not been double vaccinated.
- Staff (unless unvaccinated) and children in Yr R & above who are a household contact of a positive case, are strongly encouraged to take a daily lateral flow device test (LFD) for 7 days and should only attend setting if their lateral flow test is negative. We would also advise they limit close contact with people outside their household in enclosed spaces (including those who are clinically vulnerable) and wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and where they are unable to maintain social distancing

**Stepping up measures when the following thresholds have been met as per Contingency Framework [Click here](#)**

- 5 or 10% (whichever is reached first) test-confirmed cases of Covid-19 within 10 days, among students or staff clustered in a **consistent group or cohort**, OR
- Evidence of severe illness e.g. students or staff members admitted to hospital or a death as a result of a COVID-19 infection

**In these situations your Local Public Health Team will work with you to consider introducing temporary measures to prevent further spread of the virus. You must therefore continue to keep accurate records of positive Covid-19 cases in staff and students and report daily to PH teams.**