

Salford City Council Guidance for when a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus in an education/childcare setting

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When a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

A new continuous cough

A high temperature

A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

A well child/young person: feels 100% well, seems themselves and not displaying any changes in behaviour or their daily routines.

An unwell child could be a possible case of COVID-19. Other symptoms we have seen:

Vomiting, diarrhoea, sleeping more than usual, complaining of not feeling themselves, agitated, cold, headache - anything that is not feeling themselves. For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back, you do not need to measure your temperature’.

1. Parents should not send their child to school/setting if they are unwell in any way. If anyone in the household is unwell, awaiting testing or testing result then the child **should not** attend the setting or school.
2. If someone becomes unwell in school, they should be sent home and advised to isolate while awaiting the result of a COVID test. The school or setting should undertake any necessary cleaning after someone has been unwell on the premises. All staff are aware of the need for PPE for cleaning or dealing with an unwell person.
3. All staff and students who are attending an education or childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus. Household members of staff can also be tested. The school can refer the child or staff member for testing at AJ Bell stadium through this link. https://contactus.salford.gov.uk/?formtype=SWAB_CALL .

The school should liaise with the parent on testing. The online referral form will require the name, telephone and postcode of child or staff member. A call back will be made to parent or staff member to arrange a suitable time for the test. If needed, a special taxi for unwell individuals can be arranged during the call back.

Please contact 0800 952 1000 to notify and discuss with public health about suspected case(s), information on referral for testing, and to liaise regarding the results.

4. You will be contacted by the case management and contact team who will seek to establish possible contacts for the child.
5. All parents of children and staff who have been tested should provide the outcome of the test result (positive or negative) to the school or setting to help protect the wider school community. Please notify 0800 952 1000 with the result. If this does not occur, the NHS Test and Trace service is informed of all positive results and will in due course inform the school and Salford Infection Control team.
6. If a member of the wider school community (e.g. a parent/carer, a member of cleaning staff, a governor) tests positive, they should let the school know immediately to identify if the confirmed case attended the setting in the 48 hours before the onset of their symptoms (or the date of the test). No further action is required in the school/setting if the person did not attend during that time when they could have been infectious. Contact tracing will take place with the person testing positive to understand the other types of contact the individual may have had both in school and out of school.
7. Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive:
 - The person should isolate for 7 days minimum. The person needs to be 48 hours symptom-free prior to return.
 - Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.
 - The rest of their bubble/class/group within their setting (children and adults) will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days (and offered testing if symptoms develop).
 - The other household members of the bubble/class/group (contacts of contacts) do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.
 - If the child/staff did not adhere to social distancing outside the bubble within the school setting, including school transport, Salford infection Control will work with the school to understand the extent of contact and implications for other bubbles.
 - The setting will send Salford City Council's 'Warn and Inform' letters to all parents just to let them know there is a case in the school and to remind them to watch out for symptoms.
8. On receiving a positive result, the household should log on to the NHS Test and Trace portal to identify all their close contacts using their unique identifier (see definition of contacts below) <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk/>. You can get in touch with the **0800 952 1000 and select Infection Control Advice** for assistance if you need help with identifying all your contacts or there is difficulties accessing the site. All close contacts (household or school related or any other close contacts) will receive a letter or text to advise them to self-isolate.
9. Contacts of a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) **MUST self-isolate** at home because they are at risk of developing symptoms themselves in the next 14 days and could spread the virus to others before the symptoms begin. **If you have concerns for your health**, please contact your GP or NHS 111 online. In an emergency, contact 999.

10. In some cases a larger number of other children and young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – perhaps more than one bubble or the whole school. Where settings have been able to effectively implement guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.
11. Where the child, young person or staff member tests negative, they can return to the school or setting when they are 48 hours symptom free. Their household members can end their isolation straight away following the negative test (unless someone else in the household is waiting for the result of their test).
12. In exceptional circumstance, it may not be possible to test the index case (the first person to develop symptoms). If so, the Salford infection control team can offer advice and the extra precautions to take for the school and the bubble.

What do we mean by a 'contact'?

A 'contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) anytime from 2 days before the person was symptomatic up to 7 days from onset of symptoms (this is when they are infectious to others). For example, a contact can be:

- People who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Close personal relationships/partners
- A person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre), with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including: being coughed on, having a face-to-face conversation within one metre, or having skin-to-skin physical contact, or any contact within one metre for one minute or longer
- A person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes
- A person who has travelled in a small vehicle with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle or plane near someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- **In a schools/setting context, all children/staff in the 'bubble' will be classed as a close contact.**

If you have any queries regarding the practical implementation of this guidance in your school or setting, please contact Neil.Fazackerley@salford.gov.uk or Roberta.Greenwood@salford.gov.uk