PHE South East Health Protection Team:
Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the Management of COVID-19

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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 Surrey and Sussex Health Protection Team on 03442253861. If the matter is not urgent you can also email SSHPU@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 7 days from when symptoms started. The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Contact PHE SE HPT on 03442253861 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. Online via nhs.uk/coronavirus

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.

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)

Confirmed case in child or staff member

Ensure child/staff member isolates at home for 7 days from when symptoms started. The rest of the household need to isolate for 14 days.

Contact PHE SE HPT on 03442253861 to notify of single case so we can support risk assessment and follow up.

Advise that anyone with symptoms get tested. Online via nhs.uk/coronavirus

The HPT will undertake an assessment to determine 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 they need to isolate for 7 days from when symptoms started.
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

2 or more confirmed cases in the same group/class

Contact PHE SE HPT on 03442253861 to notify of cases so that we can support risk assessment and follow up.

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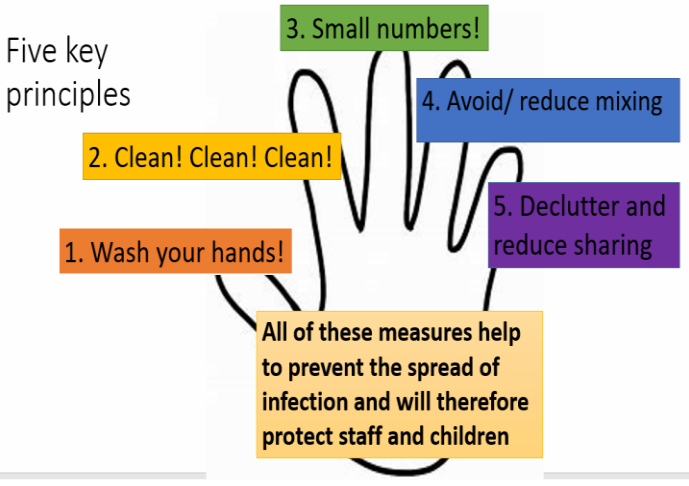
Advise that all suspected cases get tested. Online via nhs.uk/coronavirus

The HPT will undertake an assessment to determine 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

SE 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 – i.e. 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.