

PREVENTION & SAFETY

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Summary of the procedures in Circular 7713 for the information of parents and staff.

1. <u>In relation to COVID -19 and the procedures to be follow should you develop</u> symptoms while **not** at school.

If a students or staff member displays <u>at least one of the following symptoms</u> without any other apparent cause:

- fever
- cough
- breathing difficulties
- chest pain
- loss of taste and/or smell without apparent cause

OR

If they display two or more of the following symptoms without any other apparent cause:

- muscle aches and pains
- fatigue
- rhinitis
- sore throat
- headaches
- loss of appetite
- watery diarrhea

OR

A worsening of chronic respiratory symptoms (people with chronic asthma, chronic cough, ...)

Then in the case of either a child or an adult, you should stay at home and contact a general practitioner who will inform you of what to do next.

2. <u>In relation to COVID -19 and the procedures to be follow should you develop</u> symptoms while at school.

Staff:

Stop working, inform your superior and go straight home. Contact your general practitioner who will decide what to do next. <u>Don't go to the infirmary except in cases of vital emergency</u>!

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Students:

- Students who are ill are sent to the infirmary. The infirmary will decide according to symptoms if they should be placed in a "quarantine area"
- Students placed in the quarantine area will have to be picked up as soon as possible by their parents
- Parents of sick students will have to contact their doctor who will decide what to do next depending on the child's school level (testing, medical certificate, quarantine,...)

3. Measures to be followed where a students is identified as possibly displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

Nursery:

If no test is conducted : the child returns to school in accordance with the medical opinion delivered by the Doctor.

If a test is conducted:

- Negative → the child returns to school in accordance with the medical opinion delivered in the medical certificate
- Positive → the child is put in quarantine and usually may return 7 days after the first symptoms appear if they have had no fever for the last 3 days and their health has improved

Primary:

A test must be conducted \rightarrow until the results are known, the child must remain at home.

- If the test is negative, they return to school in accordance with the medical opinion delivered in the medical certificate.
- If the test positive, the child is put in quarantine and may return to school 7 days after the first symptoms appear if there has been no fever for the last 3 days and the child's health has improved.

<u>Secondary</u>:

A test must be conducted \rightarrow until the results are known, the student must remain at home.

- If the test is negative, the student returns to school in accordance with the medical opinion delivered in the medical certificate
- If test is positive, the student is put in quarantine and may return 7 days after the first symptoms appear if there has been no fever in the last 3 days and the health has improved



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! negative test following a close contact with a confirmed case ! \rightarrow the student needs to stay at home for 14 days or cease the quarantine following an additional negative test which can be ascertained by the general practitioner.

4. What are the consequences for the school community in cases of a positive case in the class?

Nursery and Primary:

- → The class continues its normal activities and parents are notified of a case
- → No testing and quarantine for other students and teachers in the class
- → Maintained alertness towards the symptoms of the students and adults in the class

Secondary:

If the rules of social distancing have been observed:

- → The class continues its normal activities and parents are notified of a case
- → No testing and quarantine for other students and teachers in the class
- → Maintained alertness towards the symptoms of the students and adults in the class

If the rules of social distancing have not been respected:

- → Compulsory test
- → If negative: the student must stay at home for 14 days or cease the quarantine following an additional negative test which is ascertained by the general practitioner
- → If positive: the student is put in quarantine and may return 7 days after the first symptoms appear if there has been no fever for the last 3 days and their health improves

5. Measures from two or more cases in class

Whatever the school level:

- → Immediate closure of the class
- → Testing for the entire class
- → Quarantine for the entire class



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6. Measures to be taken following a confirmed COVID-19 test in the household (eg. a parent, a brother or a sister)

Nursery:

- → No test
- **→** Quarantine

Primary or secondary:

- → Mandatory testing
- → If negative: the student must stay at home for 14 days or cease the quarantine following an additional negative test which is ascertained by the attending physician.
- → If positive: the student is put in quarantine and may return 7 days after the first symptoms appear if there has been no fever for the last 3 days and their health improves
- 7. Measures to be taken for the class of a student following a confirmed COVID-19 test in the household of another student of the class (eg. a parent, a brother or a sister)
- → The class continues its normal activities
- → No action is required
- 8. Measures to be taken where a student had close contact with another student who tested positive for COVID-19
- → No action is required