## What to do: Pupil with coronavirus symptoms



Pupil/staff with new continuous cough, fever and/or change of taste/smell (with or without other symptoms)

Unsure? Use the NHS COVID symptom checker

Ctrl-Click on boxes to be taken through to websites for more information Move child to a safe
space awaiting
collection (see
"Additional questions"
in linked guidance)

Consider staff using PPE if unable to maintain 2m distance

Clean areas where
the person has been
that day and
frequently touched
surfaces across the
school

Contact family to ask them to collect the child and any siblings

Restock PPE supplies if required

Other children in the same bubble to continue attending the setting.

Consider informing close contacts of the child in the last 48 hours so they can be alert for symptoms.

Sample text in Notes section below

Symptomatic child should stay at home for at least 10 days

Siblings / family without symptoms must self-isolate for 14 days

Advise the family to use NHS 111 website to order tests for all household members with symptoms

Positive test result, see:

**Appendix 8** 

Negative test result, see:

Appendix 7





## What to do: Staff with coronavirus symptoms

Staff member with new continuous cough, fever and/or change of taste/smell (with or without other symptoms)

Unsure? Use the NHS 111 symptom checker

Ctrl-Click on boxes to be taken through to websites or slides for more information

Staff member Staff should return home immediately in should usually stay line with self-isolation at home for at least 10 days guidance Clean areas where the person has been Positive test result: that day and remain at home for frequently touched surfaces across the 10 days or until asymptomatic – school whichever is longer Ask staff member to use NHS 111 website Negative test result: to order tests for all

More actions -See Appendix 7

Ask staff member to obtain an NHS COVID isolation note

household members

(even if no symptoms)

Positive test result: Other actions -**See Appendix 8** 

Siblings / family

without symptoms

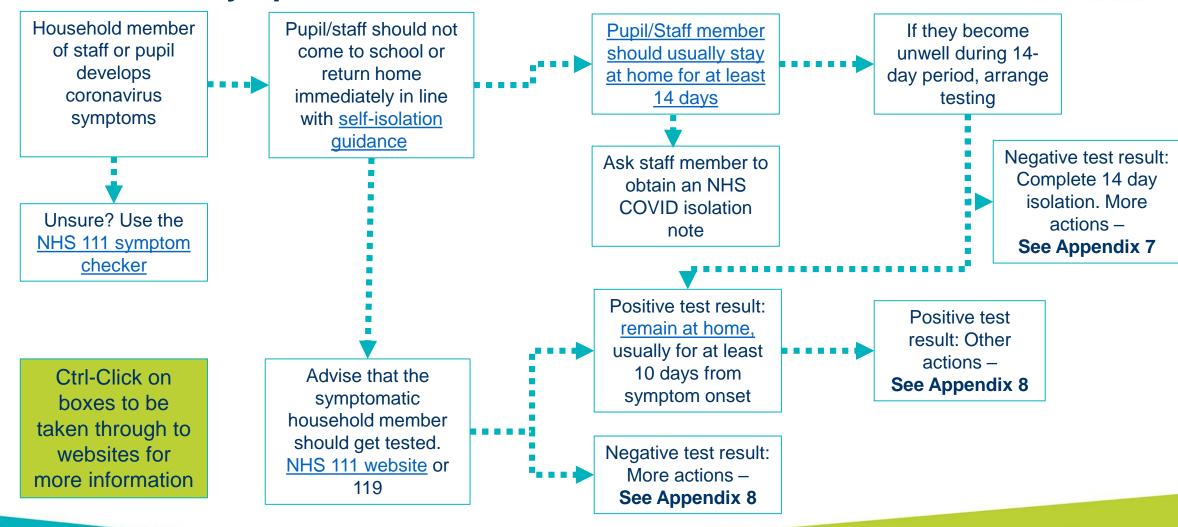
usually need to self-

isolate for 14 days



## What to do: Household member of staff/ pupil develops coronavirus symptoms





## What to do: Staff/ pupil is a close contact of someone who has tested positive with COVID



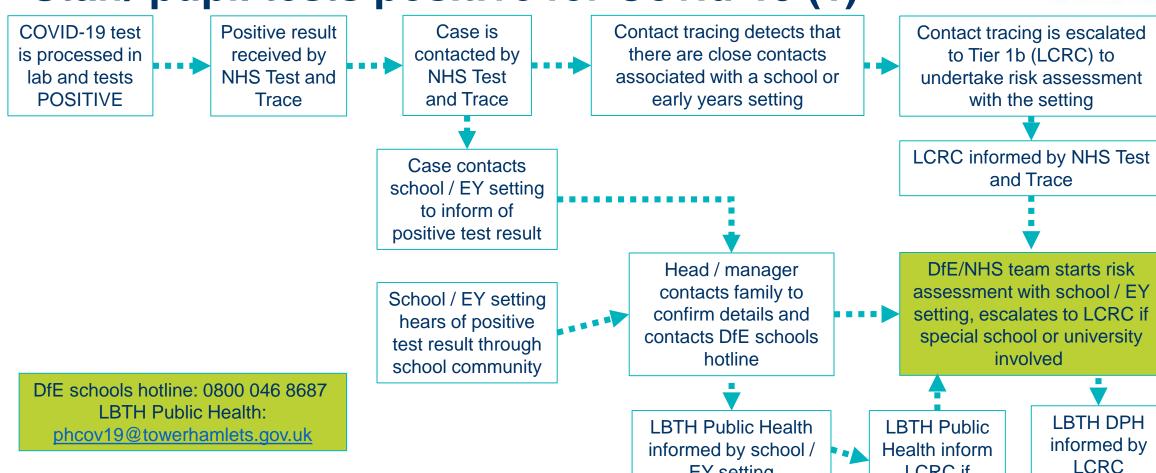
Staff member or student is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (but does not live in the same household) AND has been identified via NHS test and trace AND has been told to self-isolate for 14 davs

Ctrl-Click on boxes to be taken through to websites for more information

Does the staff They should follow Staff/pupil should stay member / child at home or return this guidance develop symptoms home immediately including isolating for in the next 14 days? 14 days Ask staff member to Yes No obtain an NHS COVID isolation note No further action – Follow guidance on See Appendix 1 or 2 after 14 days, they can return to school

# TOWER HAMLETS

## Staff/ pupil tests positive for Covid-19 (1)



EY setting

The best of London in one borough



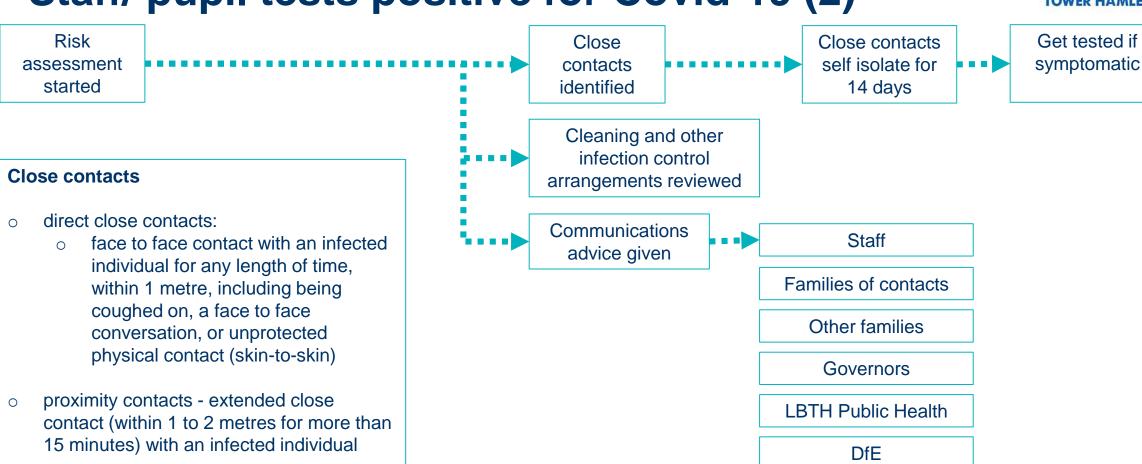
LCRC if necessary New

#### **Appendix 5 (continued)**

travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with

# TOWER HAMLETS

## Staff/ pupil tests positive for Covid-19 (2)





Unions

an infected person

# Outbreaks in schools and early years settings

School has had either:

- Two or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 among students or staff in the setting within 14 days OR
- An overall increase in sickness absence reporting where staff/parents report illness with suspected COVID-19 (but where no tests have been done or results are not available)

School contacts DfE hotline and LBTH Public Health

DfE schools hotline: 0800 046 8687 LBTH Public Health: phcov19@towerhamlets.gov.uk DfE/NHS team escalate to PHE/LCRC

LCRC obtain further information from the school to inform a risk assessment

Information includes:
Setup of the school/EY setting, total number of staff and student unwell, vulnerability of children, number of potential contacts, current infection control arrangements

LCRC helps setting to identify contacts who need to isolate

LCRC will provide setting with letters to send to contacts and non-contacts

Risk assessment determines severity and spread of outbreak, effectiveness of control measures and wider context (e.g. anxiety, media interest)

LCRC will inform the local authority and jointly consider the need for a Outbreak Control Team (OCT)

LCRC may advise widespread swabbing of staff and children – primarily for research purposes. This will be arranged with local partners.





## Acting on negative test results

- People with negative results should only return to school/work if they feel well enough to do so.
- If everyone with symptoms who was tested in their household receive a negative result, the individual can return to work immediately, providing they are well enough, and have not had a fever for 48 hours.
- If a household member tests positive, but the eligible worker tests negative, the worker can return to work on day eleven from the start of their symptoms if they feel well enough and have not had a fever for 48 hours.
- If the individual does not have symptoms but a household member tests positive, they should continue to self-isolate in line with national guidance
- If, after returning to work/school, they later develop symptoms they should follow national guidance and self-isolate.
- If any member of the household receives a positive result, please continue to follow the national guidance.



### Acting on positive test results (1)

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?



- If a setting is made aware of a single positive case they are now asked to contact DfE on the existing schools
  hotline 0800 046 8687 (NOT LCRC) and selecting the option for reporting a positive case. Call will be directed
  to an NHS team. The line will be open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm, and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays and
  Sundays.
- If the setting is a special school or university, or if it concerns an outbreak the NHS team will escalate to PHE/LCRC
- Schools are asked to continue to inform the LBTH Public Health team (PHCov19@towerhamlets.gov.uk)
- Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- The other household members of that wider 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.
- As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the cohort or in the wider setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take.
- In some cases a larger number of other children, young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure perhaps the whole class, site or year group.
- Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.



#### **Appendix 8 (continued)**

## Acting on positive test results (2)



- Schools will be supported by Tier 1 staff (public health/infection control professionals) in a similar way to other infectious diseases, including:
  - Undertake a risk assessment
  - Identify, notify and advise close contacts (see definition in notes below)
  - Identify any further actions needed
  - Support on communications to the school community
- Actions for schools
  - Encourage staff/families to inform the school as soon as test results are returned
  - Encourage anyone who tests positive to complete contact tracing information and include the school's details
  - Notify the Department of Health school's hotline immediately of any positive cases in schools
    - Call 0800 046 8687
  - Notify the local authority of any positive cases
    - Public health team: <a href="mailto:PHCov19@towerhamlets.gov.uk">PHCov19@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>
- The national Track and Trace programme will integrate testing with contact tracing

