Guidance for Management of COVID-19 Cases in Milton Keynes – Schools & Settings From 23rd August 2021

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.

Or by phone on **NHS 119** for those without the internet.

Ensure child/young person/staff member isolates at home for **10 days** 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 for **10** days until 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

Ensure child/young person/staff member isolates at home for **10 days.** For symptomatic cases the first day of symptoms onset is DAY ZERO. For asymptomatic cases the date of the test is DAY ZERO

*Their household/close contacts do **NOT NEED** to isolate if they are:

- Under 18 and 6 months and/or
- · Doubled 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, household contacts must isolate for 10 days.

Notify the Local Authority first of a confirmed case by completing the <u>online</u> form

This information will help the local Public Health team to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on educational settings. The team will usually only become involved when one of the thresholds shown below is met.

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

If the <u>positive test was a LFD</u> advise the parent/carer/staff member to book a follow up PCR test <u>WITHIN 2 DAYS</u> of positive LFD. See close contacts* info above to determine if any staff member is a close contact and should self isolate until the PCR result is known.

CLOSE CONTACT TRACING

- Any close contacts will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
- · Settings may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace to assist contact tracing.
- Any close contacts identified by NHS Test and Trace will be advised to get a PCR test as soon as possible (under 5s will only take a PCR test if it is a household contact), they do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the result unless they are symptomatic.
- Close contacts identified by NHS Test and Trace only need to isolate if they are over 18 & 6 months and have not been double vaccinated.
- If there is a positive case in a setting you do not need to notify parents/carers
- If there is positive case in a member of staff ask staff close contacts to consider the following precautions if they are not required to self-isolate:
- 1) limiting close contact with people outside their household, especially in enclosed spaces 2) wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces and where they are unable to maintain social distancing 3) limiting contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable.

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 such as bubbles, face masks and social distancing to prevent further spread of the virus. You must therefore continue to keep accurate records of positive Covid-19 cases in staff and students.