



## PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING POSITIVE OR SUSPECTED COVID-19 CASES

Dear Parents.

We have made a great start to the term and we hope that students are enjoying being back.

We are making every effort to limit non-essential information however it is vital that you read and understand the following protocols that provide clarity on the mandatory DHA procedures to be followed if:

- Your child tests positive for COVID-19
- Your child comes into contact with someone who has tested positive

## PARENT PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

The protocols outlined below must be followed for:

- ALL students who have tested POSITIVE, and/or
- Students who are siblings or students who have come into close contact with a confirmed Covid-19 positive
  case.

\*A close contact is someone who has come into contact with a confirmed Covid-19 positive case, in close proximity of less than 2m for more than 15 minutes, from 2 days before the onset of symptoms in the confirmed case.

### 1. IF A STUDENT HAS TESTED POSITIVE

- a. Parents to contact trace the student's movements and inform any close contacts.
- b. Parents to inform the school IMMEDIATELY by phone on 04 394 3465 or email at <a href="mailto:nurse@englishcollege.ac.ae">nurse@englishcollege.ac.ae</a>.
- c. The student must not attend school and the parents must obtain a De-Isolation Clearance Certificate from the treating healthcare facility before the student can return to school.
- d. The student switches to Distance Learning.
- e. 1 day before the expected return to school parents MUST email a copy of the De-Isolation Clearance Certificate to the school using the email address (<a href="mailto:nurse@englishcollge.ac.ae">nurse@englishcollge.ac.ae</a>).

#### 2. IF THE POSITIVE STUDENT HAS A SIBLING, THEY ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A CLOSE CONTACT\*

- a. The sibling must remain at home for 14 days. Even if the sibling has a negative test result they cannot return to school before the 14-day quarantine period as directed by DHA guidelines.
- b. The student switches to Distance Learning.

c. 1 day before the expected return to school the student must be assessed by the school doctor or nurse to ensure the absence of symptoms and to obtain clearance for the return to school. This should be done by phoning the school nurses before 4pm.

# 3. IF A STUDENT HAS COME INTO CONTACT WITH A CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASE (FROM 2 DAYS BEFORE THE ONSET OF THE CONFIRMED CASE'S SYMPTOMS)

- a. The student must quarantine at home for 14 days from the last date of contact with the positive case.
- b. The student switches to Distance Learning.
- c. The DHA advises that symptomatic students seek medical advice which may include conducting a Covid-19 PCR test.
- d. If a PCR test is done and the result is positive, they must follow the procedures stipulated in SECTION 1 above.
- e. Irrespective of a negative PCR test the student can return to school ONLY 14 days after the last date of contact with the positive case (even if they are asymptomatic).
- f. 1 day before the expected return to school the student must be assessed by the school doctor or nurse to ensure the absence of symptoms and to obtain clearance for the return to school. This should be done by phoning the school nurses before 4pm.

# 4. IF THE STUDENT IS THE SIBLING OF SOMEONE WHO HAS COME INTO CONTACT WITH A KNOWN POSITIVE CASE

- a. As per DHA guidelines, students are permitted to attend school however parents must monitor the student extremely closely for any symptoms of Covid-19.
- b. If symptoms develop, the student must remain at home and seek medical advice.

## CONTACT INFORMATION - for Covid-19 reporting only

If a student is Covid-19 POSITIVE (Section 1) – Email <a href="mailto:nurse@englishcollege.ac.ae">nurse@englishcollege.ac.ae</a> IMMEDIATELY

If a student has been in close contact with a confirmed Covid-19 Positive case (Section 2, 3 or 4) email the details to <a href="mailto:nurse@englishcollege.ac.ae">nurse@englishcollege.ac.ae</a>.

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