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FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF YEAR 7

Information regarding positive COVID-19 test results at MHA

Dear Parent and Carer

We have today been advised by Public Health England that there have been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 for students attending Manchester Health Academy.

Please do not be concerned – Year 7 students are not currently affected.

I would like to assure you that:

- Each year group 'bubble' does not mix with another.
- The classrooms used only by that year group are deep cleaned daily.

In line with the updated guidance from Public Health England (PHE) we adopt the following process in the event of a student or staff member testing positive for Coronavirus, to identify close contacts and allow students and staff who are not to return to the Academy as soon as possible, rather than self-isolating where it is not required for two weeks.

Our current timeline from a report of a positive test result:

1. Students in the year group are sent home immediately, If the result is provided outside of normal school hours, we will tell you via ParentApps and the school website.
2. Senior members of staff identify which students had close proximity to the affected person during lessons. We do this using our class seating plans, which are available for every lesson within the Academy.
3. Parents/carers are informed if their child has been in close proximity to the person who has tested positive and advised to self-isolate for up to 14 days (this can vary, for instance if the person who has tested positive did not attend school for a number of days prior to their positive test result, and on how long they had symptoms for).
Students who have not been in close proximity are advised to return to the Academy.
4. Home learning is available for those students who are to continue isolating.

Our priority is to keep every child and member of staff in the Academy safe.



What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

You should arrange for testing for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or 111.nhs.uk or primary care.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able to, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Should your child receive a positive test result, please contact the Academy immediately by email at: admin@manchesterhealthacademy.org.uk. This contact can be during and outside of school hours.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours faithfully



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