

1. Goal

This procedure describes the steps teachers and students should take in the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19 or a high-risk contact.

2. Responsibilities

The prevention advisor is the owner of this procedure and ensures that it is kept up to date. The management is responsible for the execution. Everyone is responsible for complying with this procedure.

3. Scope

The procedure applies to all employees and students of the European School.

4. Method

Confirmed Covid 19 case or suspicion of infection or high-risk contact?

Immediately send a mail to:
covid19@esmol.be
 WITH a list of high risk contacts (close contact list)

Students < 12 years (primary school):
 Primary school students who had a high risk contact with an infected student at school need to be tested (PCR) or quarantined. These students are not allowed to continue to go to school and can only return after a negative test result. *
If the teacher is a confirmed COVID-19 case, the students of his/her regular class will usually be high-risk contacts.

Children who have been identified as high-risk contacts will be quarantined and tested on day 3. They can return to school when the test is negative.

Students from the age of 12 (secondary school) and staff members:
 high-risk contact? Quarantine and PCR test. Distinction made on the basis of the vaccination status to return to school.

Fully vaccinated:
 -in quarantine** and tested as soon as possible with a PCR test. If this test is negative, you can leave quarantine.

Not or partially vaccinated:
 - goes into quarantine for a period of 10 days** and is tested with a PCR test twice. Only if the second test (on day 7) is negative, the quarantine can be terminated earlier.

* If 2 or more infections occur in one class group within 7 days: the whole class closes preventively for 7 days. All students go into quarantine during that period. Students are tested and can return to school on day 4 with a negative test result. Staff members who came into contact with the class group in an indoor space in the past 48 hours (more than 15 minutes, without a mouth mask, less than 1.5 m away) are also considered high-risk contacts and are tested.
 Students who have a valid recovery certificate (= students who have experienced an infection in the past 180 days), students who were not at school during the 7-day period prior to the decision to quarantine the class group or students who were already in quarantine and where the quarantine period ends during the 7 days in which the class is closed, do not have to (re)quarantine. These students are allowed to continue to go to school.

**Anyone who has been infected in the past 180 days should not be quarantined and will not be tested but avoid contact with vulnerable people for 14 days. In case of possible symptoms (even mild), contact the doctor and get tested