

## **Questions & Answers Covid-19:**

### **December '21**

We understand that with the increase of the number of infections you have more questions. We would like to give an answer to some general questions.

- 1. What to do when you need to be tested?**  
Inform the school by using [Covid19@esmol.be](mailto:Covid19@esmol.be). Stay home and quarantine until you have the result of the test. Make a list with all the students, teachers, staff,... you had close contact with (unprotected by the mask for longer than 15 minutes in a non-ventilated room).
- 2. What to do when a member of my family (who I live with) needs to be tested?**  
Inform the school by using [Covid19@esmol.be](mailto:Covid19@esmol.be). The advice of the doctor is necessary. In case there is a real suspicion that your family member is Covid-19 positive, we advise you to stay home until the result of the test is available.
- 3. What do I have to do when I am tested positive?**  
Inform the school by using [Covid19@esmol.be](mailto:Covid19@esmol.be). Stay home and quarantine for at least 7 days.
- 4. What to do when my family member is tested positive?**  
Inform the school by using [Covid19@esmol.be](mailto:Covid19@esmol.be). Stay home and quarantine for at least 7 days. You are considered high risk contact and need to be tested with a PCR test.
- 5. When can I return to school after a family member was tested?**  
You have to wait for the result of the test. Only when the test is negative you can return to school.
- 6. What do I have to do when I am high risk contact?**  
You will have to leave the class and go home (be picked up by your parents). You make an appointment for a PCR test to be performed as soon as possible. Stay in quarantine until you have the result of the test. You inform the school about the result of the test.
- 7. When can I return to school after a high risk contact?**  
When you are fully vaccinated you can return to school with a negative result on the first test. You will not have to be tested again.  
When you are not fully vaccinated yet, you have to stay in quarantine until you have a negative result of the second test (7 days after the first test).  
In both cases you have to inform the school about the result of the test.
- 8. When can I return to school after a family member was tested positive?**  
You can only return to school 10 days after the last close contact with the family member, and on the condition that no one else in the family is tested positive. In that case the 10 day period starts again from the last close contact with the second positive case.

**9. When can I return to school after a family member was tested negative?**

After the negative result of the test you can immediately return to school.

**10. Am I obliged to communicate the result of the test?**

Yes, you have to inform the school about the result of the test.

**11. Am I obliged to inform the school that I have to be tested?**

Yes, that way the school can start the procedure in place tracing possible High risk contacts in school.

**12. How does the school handle this personal information?**

Only staff members who need to be informed about the situation will be informed. In communication we will not use names, only class groups.

**13. Why do I have to make a close contact list?**

We need the contact list to make sure we inform people who were in close contact with a positive case. Only that way we are able to trace a possible cluster in contaminations.

**14. What is a low-risk contact?**

Protected contact with another person, both wearing masks. Even when the distance of 1,5m was not respected. You have to be vigilant for symptoms for the following 14 days.

**15. What is a high-risk contact?**

Unprotected contact with another person, not wearing masks. Unprotected with another person in the same room without ventilation and more than 15 minutes. Sharing material during lessons. Sitting close to each other (less than 1,5m or across) during lunch.