

Management of COVID-19 in early years children

Actions for parents/carers

If your child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, and a loss of or change to taste or smell; do not send them to their setting

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus while at setting

Your child will be taken to a separate room away from others and you will be asked to take them home*.

Your child must stay at home for 10 days from when they became unwell.

Use the [NHS 111 online portal](#) or call 119 to request a test for your child.

All of the people in your household must also stay at home for 14 days.

The setting will not take any further action until the result of the test is known. This should take between 24-48 hours.

Result of test?

Negative for COVID-19

If the test is negative and they are feeling well, your child can return to setting and the rest of the household can leave the house.

*Please talk to the setting if you have any difficulties in collecting your child.
*Separate rooms may not be available.

If the test result is POSITIVE

You must notify the setting of the positive test result.

Your child will need to stay at home for 10 days. All other people in the household will need to stay at home for 14 days.

The setting will phone the SW Health Protection Team who will carry out a risk assessment of who your child has been in close contact with and who may also need to stay at home. This may also be done by NHS Test and Trace.

You will also be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and asked to tell them about all of the people your child has been in close contact with.

Anyone identified as a close contact will need to stay at home for 14 days. You will be helped to identify who the close contacts are.

The setting may send home the other children in your child's cohort or group.

Your child can return to setting once they have been at home for 10 days.

If your child has not been at setting during the period they were infectious then the setting will not need to take any further action.

If there are **more than one case** in a cohort or group

Any child with a confirmed COVID-19 result must stay at home for 10 days. Everyone in their household will need to stay at home for 14 days.

The setting will phone the SW Health Protection team who will carry out a rapid risk assessment to identify who the cases have been in close contact with.

Anyone who has symptoms will need to get a test.

Use the [NHS 111 online portal](#) or call 119.

Anyone identified as a close contact of the confirmed cases will need to stay at home for 14 days.

This may mean that whole cohorts or groups will be sent home for 14 days.

Regular meetings will be held between the setting, public health and the Local Authority to assess the situation and advise if any further action is required.

Once everyone has completed their stay at home periods they can return to setting. This is 10 days for the children who have had a positive test result and 14 days for anyone identified as a close contact.

Further information:

Guidance: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

Testing: nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test

Somerset Children and Young People: <https://www.cypsomersethealth.org/>