

Symptoms, Testing and Isolation Guidance

Manchester Schools and Education settings - 6th July 2021

This guidance is for parents or carers of children at Manchester schools and other education settings.

Testing for wider symptoms will be in place in Manchester until 19th July and will be reviewed regularly.

WHAT IS THE SITUATION?	TEST NEEDED?	WHO SHOULD ISOLATE AND WHEN?
My child or their sibling has one or more of these symptoms: • Fever • Persistent cough • Loss of smell or taste	PCR TEST	ALL household members must isolate until the test result is received. Do not send your child/siblings into school while you wait for the test result If the result is positive • ALL household members continue to isolate for the required period • ALL contacts to take a PCR test • Contact your child's school to tell them about the positive test result
An adult in our household has one or more of these symptoms. • Fever • Persistent cough • Loss of smell or taste	PCR TEST	ALL household members must isolate until the test result is received. Do not send your child/siblings into school while you wait for the test result If the result is positive • ALL household members continue to isolate for the required period • ALL contacts to take a PCR test

My child, their sibling/s or an adult in our household has one or more of these symptoms • Headache that lasts a long time • Feeling tired and unwell • Muscle or full body aches • Sore throat • Blocked nose or runny nose • Diarrhoea, feeling sick or vomiting	PCR TEST	You do not need to isolate while you wait for the test results. A child with diarrhoea or vomiting will need to stay at home until 48 hours clear of symptoms and they are well enough to return to school. If the result is positive • ALL household members must isolate immediately • ALL contacts to take a PCR test • Contact your child's school to tell them about the positive test result
My child or someone else in our household has tested positive with a lateral flow device test	PCR TEST	ALL household members must isolate until the confirmatory PCR test result is received. Do not send your child/siblings into school while you wait for the test result If the result is positive • ALL household members continue to isolate for the required period • ALL contacts to take a PCR test
My child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive	PCR TEST	The child must isolate from the date of contact and 10 full days after, even if their PCR result is negative. The child's siblings can come into the school setting whilst the child waits for their results. If the PCR result is positive the household must isolate with the child immediately for the required period.