



Diocese of Manchester  
Catholic Schools Office

# 5 steps to expect if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19

## 1 Case interview

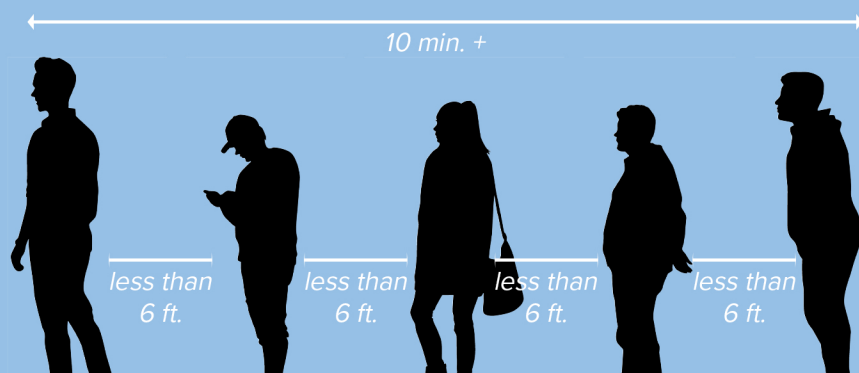
Once a positive result is reported, public health officials will contact the person with COVID-19. If the infected person is under 18 years old, the person's parent or guardian will be contacted.

An investigation will be conducted and the person with COVID-19 will be asked to isolate at home.



## 2 Identification of close contacts

Public health officials will assess who is considered to be a close contact and needs to be quarantined. The school may be contacted to get seating arrangements or other information.



**Close contacts** are those that had close, prolonged contact with the infected person. This is defined as six feet or closer for ten minutes or more.

# 3 Isolation for people with COVID-19

Children or staff who are under isolation will be required to stay home until they meet the following criteria:

## If symptomatic:

- No fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
- Symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours
- At least ten days have passed since symptoms first started

## If asymptomatic:

- At least ten days have passed since their test was collected



# 4 Quarantine of close contacts

Children or staff who are under quarantine will be asked to stay home for 14 days after their last exposure to the infected person, monitor for symptoms and seek testing.

**A negative test does not shorten the length of quarantine.**

# 5 Return to school

People with COVID-19 may return once they have:

- Met ALL of the relevant criteria outlined in Step 3
- Received a release letter from public health officials

**Close contacts may return once they have:**

- Completed their quarantine period without developing symptoms or testing positive



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