

ACTION CARD – Covid in EY Settings: preschools, Day Nurseries and Childminders.

An individual(s) within the setting displaying symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19, with or without showing symptoms, and from either a LFD or PCR test.

Setting Actions

1. If symptomatic in the setting then remove to a separate, well ventilated space and send home immediately. If a member of staff needs to remain in the room with the symptomatic person, additional PPE for COVID-19 is required in a limited number of scenarios. Details can be found in the guidance document [Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care settings, including the use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\) - GOV.UK](#).
2. Record details of the positive case, including any wider symptoms experienced (if symptomatic) and including the type of test taken and the relevant dates.
3. Following a positive test (either LFD or PCR) the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. However, there is no longer a legal requirement to self-isolate. Details can be found in the guidance document [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts](#).
4. Childminders should read the following guidance about self-isolation [Additional actions for childminders during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic](#)
5. Clean any rooms the confirmed case has used in the 48hrs prior to developing symptoms, as recommended by [COVID-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings - GOV.UK](#).
6. Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended. The latest advice is [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts](#).
7. Formally notify the LA by logging the case on Crest, either by using the following link to the COVID incident form <https://crest.info-exchange.com/Covid> or by logging on to your [Crest Account](#), if your setting has its own user account - if you have not been given an account then please use the link to the incident form above.
8. Ofsted – you are no longer required to notify Ofsted, or the childminder agency with which you are registered, of any COVID-19 cases in the setting, whether that is of a child or staff member. However, It is a legal requirement under the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework to report any change to the premises that may affect the quality of childcare for example if your setting is closed for a significant amount of time, i.e. for three days or more. Details can be found in this guidance document [Actions for early years and childcare providers during the COVID-19 pandemic](#).
9. When settings should consider extra action:
 - a higher than previously experienced and/or rapidly increasing number of staff or student absences due to COVID-19 infection
 - evidence of severe disease due to COVID-19, for example if a pupil, student, child or staff member is admitted to hospital due to COVID-19
 - a cluster of cases where there are concerns about the health needs of vulnerable staff or students within the affected group.

Further details are in [Contingency Framework - GOV.UK](#)

Settings can seek public health and operational advice by contacting the DfE Helpline on dfc.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk or on 0800 046 8687. This public health advice service from DfE will stop from 1 April.