

Hertfordshire County Council COVID-19 Case Reporting

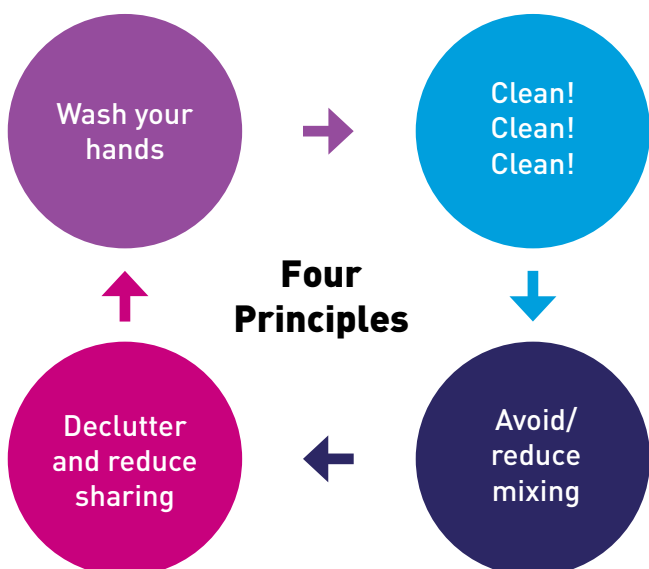
Protocol for Schools (updated 21/09/20)

The purpose of this protocol is to advise settings on what to do if a child or adult is on or has been on site whilst potentially infectious with COVID-19.

The infectious period used is from 48 hours prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset for those with symptoms. For those who have been tested positive, but have not had symptoms, the infectious period is considered as 48 hours prior to the date the test was taken until 10 days after the test was taken.

The protocol must be used alongside the national guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>.

Cases of COVID-19 MUST be reported to the local authority whether these occur in any education setting, including all schools (including independent schools) and further education colleges.



Notifying Hertfordshire County Council of initial symptomatic cases

COVID-19 should be suspected in an individual with any one of the three main symptoms of COVID-19:

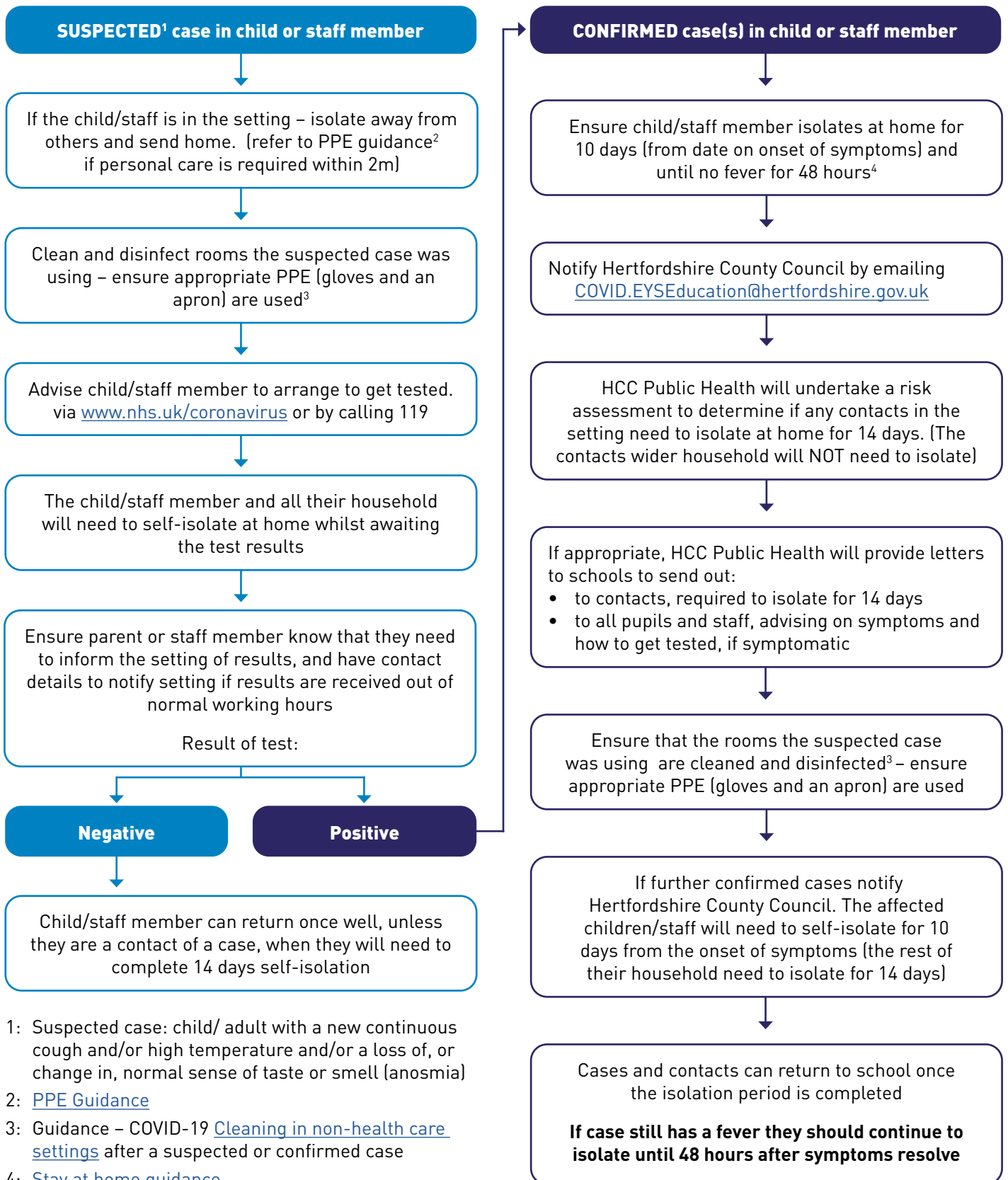
- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss or change in normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Where it is suspected that an individual in a setting may have COVID-19, the setting should follow the public health flow chart below and refer to nationally published guidance for education and childcare settings. This advises that a possible or suspected case should arrange a test through: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or NHS 119.

The setting should report to Hertfordshire County Council by emailing COVID.EYSEducation@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Headteachers can contact the HCC Public Health Team for advice on 01992 556285. Please note: **this is only for use by school and early years settings staff only** and it is not to be given to parents or students.

Public Health management of COVID-19 in school settings



1: Suspected case: child/ adult with a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

2: [PPE Guidance](#)

3: Guidance – COVID-19 [Cleaning in non-health care settings](#) after a suspected or confirmed case

4: [Stay at home guidance](#)