



What to do if your child is a close contact of Covid-19 in school or childcare

The risk to your child is low

Children of any age can get Covid-19 (coronavirus) but they seem to get it less often than adults do.



Children and Covid-19 (coronavirus)

If your child does get Covid-19, they may have:

- no symptoms at all or
- mild symptoms

But there is a chance they could pass the infection onto someone else. This is why we are asking you to do 3 things please.

The health and safety of all children and staff in the school is our highest priority in the Schools' Public Health Team.

The 3 things you need to do are:

<p>1</p>  <p>Keep an eye on your child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is to see if they get any symptoms of Covid-19 like a fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, runny nose or changes to their sense of taste or smell. • If they do get symptoms keep them away from others in the house and contact your GP who may arrange a swab. • If your child has symptoms others in your home should not go to work, school or childcare until the results are back. 	<p>2</p>  <p>Restrict your child's movements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep them at home. • Don't send them to school or childcare. • Don't let them visit other people's homes. • Don't have visitors to your home. • If your child is well and does not have any Covid-19 symptoms, other people in the home can still go to work and school – unless you are given different advice by the Schools' Public Health team. 	<p>3</p>  <p>Bring your child for Covid-19 tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of tests depends on when your child was in contact with the person with Covid-19. The HSE arranges these tests. You don't need to ring your GP. • Testing is the best way to know if your child has Covid-19. • Your child will be able to return to school if their swab at day 10 is negative and they are well. • Without a test at Day 10 your child will need to restrict movements for at least 14 days.
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