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## **Plan of Action for Covid-19 Prevention and Control in School**

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### **SCREENING AND CONTINGENCY PLAN**

- If a child/teacher/staff begins to show symptoms of COVID-19 while at school, they will be isolated instantly, and the parent/ guardian of the child to be notified immediately and the patient should be advised to get a medical certificate with the final diagnosis. PCR will also be advised.
- If PCR result is positive, the traced contacts of the patient, including teachers along with the classmates of a student, or colleagues are all considered close contacts. Parents or guardians of students or staff with a positive PCR result are required to report the result to the responsible person of the HST. Identified close contacts should all commence the 7-days quarantine counted PCR from the day of the test. If with symptoms, the tracing will start 2days before the symptoms appear. If asymptomatic, tracing will start 2days before the PCR test date. Positive cases need to finish the 10-day quarantine protocol and submit clearance certificate on the day of return to school.
- In cases of COVID-19 emergency, the parents will be informed and the child will be accompanied by the Nurse wearing the full PPE when transported to the hospital. Emergency protocol will be followed.
- Measures for disinfection should be taken as per the guidelines, for the classroom and the school premises used by the child as traced, and the holding isolation room where the staff and students will wait for their transportation.

### **MONITORING AND CONTACT TRACING**

- If staff, guests and/or students were confirmed positive according to a COVID-19 PCR test, they are not to return unless they are granted a clearance certificate by DHA.
- The school will maintain adequate records of its staff/guests/members/students, including names, telephone numbers and visit dates, to assist if contact tracing becomes necessary. And to maintain accurate work records of its staff for contact tracing purposes
- The school should abide by the contact tracing procedures, by providing DHA with all records needed to trace potential contacts of the confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Reference: <https://www.khda.gov.ae/CMS/WebParts/TextEditor/Documents/KHDA-Back-to-School-Protocols-2021-En.pdf>