

PHE SW HPT: Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the management of COVID-19

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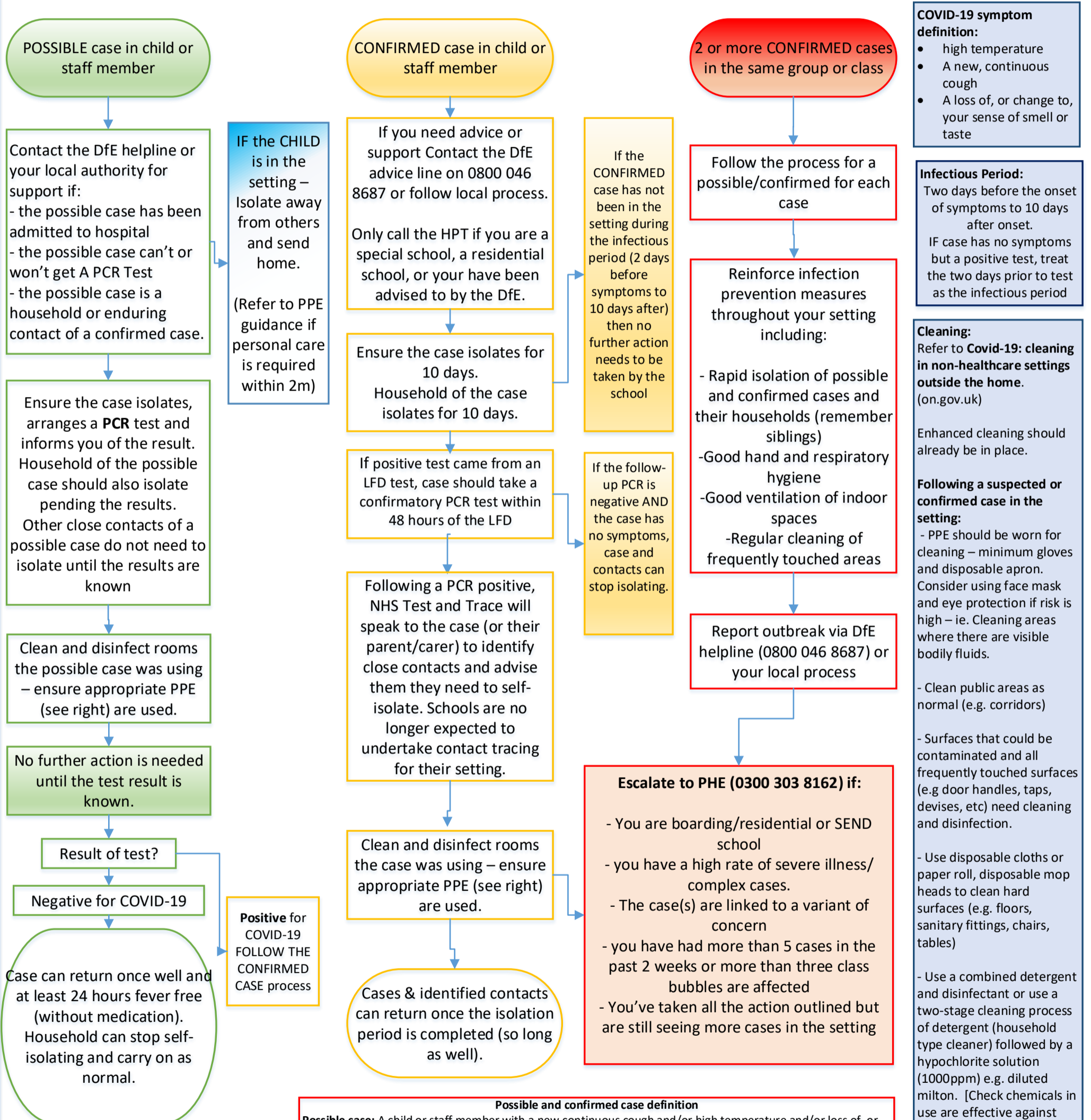
Prevent the spread of all infections by maintaining high standards of hygiene, including hand washing and regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. If you have any infection control concerns or questions please call the **Department for Education (DfE) advice line on 0800 046 8687** or, if a process is in place, your **local authority**.

You should only call the HPT on 0300 303 8162 if advised to do so by the DfE advice line or if you meet the criteria in the guidance below. The HPT do not need to be notified of cases or outbreaks unless you meet the criteria.

GUIDANCE: Visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

FOR TESTING: Visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119.

BEFORE USING THE FLOWCHART – PLEASE CHECK THE DEFINITION OF A POSSIBLE AND CONFIRMED CASE – SEE BOX AT BOTTOM OF PAGE



COVID-19 symptom definition:

- high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Infectious Period:

Two days before the onset of symptoms to 10 days after onset.

IF case has no symptoms but a positive test, treat the two days prior to test as the infectious period

Cleaning:

Refer to **Covid-19: cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home.** (on.gov.uk)

Enhanced cleaning should already be in place.

Following a suspected or confirmed case in the setting:

- PPE should be worn for cleaning – minimum gloves and disposable apron. Consider using face mask and eye protection if risk is high – ie. Cleaning areas where there are visible bodily fluids.
- Clean public areas as normal (e.g. corridors)
- Surfaces that could be contaminated and all frequently touched surfaces (e.g. door handles, taps, devices, etc) need cleaning and disinfection.
- Use disposable cloths or paper roll, disposable mop heads to clean hard surfaces (e.g. floors, sanitary fittings, chairs, tables)
- Use a combined detergent and disinfectant or use a two-stage cleaning process of detergent (household type cleaner) followed by a hypochlorite solution (1000ppm) e.g. diluted Milton. [Check chemicals in use are effective against enveloped viruses]

Avoid splashes and spray when cleaning where possible.

Waste: Any COVID-19 related waste should be double-bagged and stored for 72 hours before usual disposal.

Possible and confirmed case definition

Possible case: A child or staff member with a new continuous cough and/or high temperature and/or loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia) prior to PCR testing.

Confirmed case: PCR or LFD positive case with or without symptoms.

LFD testing: seek a follow-up PCR test following an LFD positive test at home or at an assisted site. Case, household and contacts identified in the setting should isolate whilst waiting for the PCR result. If the PCR is negative, and the case remains symptom free, case and contacts can stop isolating.

NB: If any staff or pupils develop COVID19 symptoms ALWAYS seek a PCR test. LFD tests should not be used on people with symptoms. LFD tests should not be used on children under the age of 11 years old.

