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Re: Confirmed case of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) at your school or childcare facility

Dear Student and Parent/Guardian,

We have been notified that a person has tested positive for Covid-19 (coronavirus) in your school. The Department of Public Health - Midlands has carried out a full public health risk assessment.

Please try not to worry. You have not been identified as a close contact. This means that you do not need to be tested for Covid-19. You can continue to go to school and to all your usual activities as normal.

We are asking you to:

- 1. Keep an eye on your health for any symptoms of Covid-19. Symptoms of Covid-19 include a fever (temperature of 38°C or higher), cough, shortness of breath or any loss or change to their sense of smell or taste.
- 2. Please make sure you are contactable by phone just in case we get new information and need to speak with you.

What if you develop symptoms of coronavirus?

If you develop symptoms of coronavirus, you need to:

- Isolate yourself this means stay at home and completely avoid contact with other people. This includes other people in your household.
- Phone your GP or out-or-hours GP service for advice.
- Restrict the movements of everyone in the house. This means other people in the house should try to avoid coming into contact with others, and should not go to work or to school or childcare.

More information

- Up to date information and advice on Covid-19 is available on hse.ie.
- If you have any queries you can call HSELive on 1850 24 1850.

We thank you for your help and support to keep the school system running safely as we live with Covid-19.

Best wishes,

The Covid-19 Health Protection Team, Department of Public Health – Midlands.