



Isolation Room Policy

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Any staff member or student who presents with COVID 19 symptoms while at school will be evaluated by the appointed school nurse or senior leadership. These individuals will be familiar with:

- How the disease spreads
- How to identify the disease symptoms
- How to protect themselves
- Environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures
- When to contact Ministry of Health

Isolation Room Protocols

As a measure to limit exposure and conserve PPE, a designated isolation room will be available within the premises in order to isolate suspected cases. It will have outside access doors for collection of staff/students without contaminating additional school areas.

- The suspected symptomatic staff/student will be placed in the controlled isolation room with the door closed. They will have access to a dedicated bathroom.
- A sign displaying 'Room in Use – DO NOT ENTER' must be displayed when the room is in use.
- Parents or guardians of a symptomatic student will be notified immediately of their child's status and will be asked to collect their child immediately.
- A nominated supervisor MUST remain in the room with the student until they are collected.
- The designated supervisor must use the provided appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). They should be wearing the PPE before taking charge of the child and before entering the room.
- The designated supervisor must maintain a 2 metre distance from the suspected patient at all times.
- All the student's belongings must be given to the supervisor and they must be handed over when the student is collected.
- All PPE used during the isolation must be wrapped in a disposable bag and disposed immediately after the student has left the room.
- Affected staff/students should wear a facemask to contain secretions while in isolation. If a facemask cannot be tolerated a shield should be worn to cover their mouth and nose.
- Once staff/student has vacated the room, ventilate well before entering and all surfaces are to be immediately thoroughly cleaned and sterilised.

- No one is to re-enter the room until the sterilisation and cleaning has been completed.

IMPORTANT

Immediately after the student has left the staff member must return home to shower and change clothing and footwear. The staff member must return to school once showered and changed. Staff member is to wash all their clothing before wearing again.

The supervisor will be either: The School Nurse, Principal, a member of the school Senior Leadership Team or a member of the school body of staff.

We are continuing to monitor the evolving situation and are following guidelines issued by healthcare and government officials: The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Ministry of Health (MoH). The recommendations above follow the latest guidelines.