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DEFINITIONS OF COVID CONTACTS FOR OMICRON AND ISOLATION PERIOD FOR YOUR CHILDREN

These definitions for COVID contacts have come from the Ministry of Health. It also outlines isolation periods for these different contacts.

Please note: If anyone in your family household is waiting for a COVID test result please keep your children at home until you receive a negative test result.

Casual Contacts definition:

- Your child has been in class and in the meantime another child's family member has just received a positive test result. The child concerned is then deemed a household close contact but your child is a casual contact.

You will need to self - monitor your child's symptoms for 10 days but they should be at school. If symptoms do develop, go and get a test and stay home until you receive your results.

In this situation your child should be at school and you are monitoring your child for symptoms.

Close Contact definition:

- Your child has been in direct contact with somebody who has tested positive for COVID.

Your child's teacher or classmate has tested positive for COVID.

Notify the school immediately and go and get a test ASAP. Your child must isolate for 10 days at home, as well as getting tested on day 5 and day 8.

In this situation the teacher and whole class would have to test and isolate at home for 10 days. This would also apply to siblings who are in other classes.

Household Close Contact definition:

- Someone in the child's household has tested positive for COVID so they have to isolate at home as well, even if the child is feeling well.

Notify the school immediately and take the child to get a test ASAP. Please follow Ministry of Health advice regarding the isolation period.

In this situation your child has to isolate at home. The rest of the class is deemed a casual contact and should be at school.

Confirmed Case:

- Your child has tested positive for COVID.

Notify the school immediately and follow information from the Ministry of Health regarding isolation and re - testing.

In this situation your child must stay at home.

As cases escalate the Government's approach will change regarding the isolation period. More information will be provided when we reach this level.

For further information please visit this website [Contacts and Isolation Period further explained](#)