



COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

The following should be cancelled:

- All parents' evenings/ meetings
- All planned events
- All trips and visits
- All off-island staff travel for educational purposes
- All training

Providers should:

- Introduce a policy of segregating staff using staggered and segregated breaks and lunches where possible
- Consider being outdoors as much as possible, this is much healthier
- Ensure good ventilation, open windows and try and get air flowing through the environments

Providers should rigorously enforce a policy of

- Anyone with respiratory symptoms, no matter how mild, should not attend. This applies to staff and children
- Frequent hand washing in between activities, before and after meals and after using the toilet
- Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces more often than usual using your standard cleaning products
- Supervise young children to ensure they wash their hands for 20 seconds more often than usual with soap and water or hand sanitiser and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and dispose of them immediately and wash their hands straight away.

Cleaning

- Enhanced cleaning policies should be brought in with immediate effect

Enhanced cleaning

Enhanced cleaning proves to help reduce transmission during any outbreak

- **twice daily cleaning** of areas (with particular attention to door handles, handrails, light switches, reception desks, toilet flushes and taps) and all other communal areas where surfaces can easily become contaminated.
- **Decontamination of these areas and surfaces should be done at least once daily.** This means using a chlorine solution of a 1000ppm or other disinfection products currently in use (please check with Public Health Services, Infection Control Team or Environmental Health for guidance on this matter).

Toys and equipment

Toys can easily become contaminated so it is important that a written schedule is in place for regular cleaning. The cleaning schedule should identify who, what, when and how toys should be cleaned and be monitored.



- Hard toys are preferred, as these can be wiped clean after play.
- The condition of toys and equipment should be part of the monitoring process and any damaged item that cannot be cleaned or repaired should be discarded.
- Stop using soft toys, dressing up costumes, modelling and play dough, water play troughs or receptacles, and sandpits should be avoided.

What to do if a child or member of staff becomes unwell

- If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in an education setting they should be sent home and advised to follow the **Advice for those in home self-isolation** <https://www.gov.gg/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=123221&p=0> and contact the helpline on 01481 756938 or 01481 756969 between 8am and 10pm daily.
- If a child is awaiting collection, they should be moved away from all other children with a practitioner. Settings should be mindful of individual children's needs – for example it would not be appropriate for younger children to be alone without adult supervision. Ideally, a window should be opened for ventilation. If it is not possible to isolate them, move them to an area which is at least 2 metres away from other people.
- If they need to go to the bathroom while waiting to be collected, they should use a separate bathroom if possible. The bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected using standard cleaning products before being used by anyone else.
- If they need clinical advice, they (or the practitioner, parent or guardian) should go online to <https://www.gov.gg/covid19guidance> If you have **any clinical questions** regarding the coronavirus please call 01481 756938 or 01481 756969 between 8am and 10pm daily). In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy or a hospital.
- If a member of staff has helped someone who was taken unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell.
- In most cases, closure of the educational setting will not be needed but this will be a local decision based on various factors such as establishment size and risk of further spread, PH will be able to advise on these cases.

What to do if we have a confirmed case of Covid-19 in our Provision

- PH and the SEYT will coordinate with you to ensure you can follow the guidelines found in the following document:
 - **Guidance – Decontamination of non-clinical areas**

For further information on all aspects of the Coronavirus go to www.gov.gg/coronavirus