

STAY-AT-HOME IF UNWELL POLICY

Staying at Home if you are sick is the best thing you can do to ensure fast recovery by taking proper rest and help curb the spread of any infectious/communicable disease among the entire school community.

Screening At Home Before Leaving For School: As per School Policy, the parents should record the temperature of their child prior to leaving for school. The child should remain at home if a temperature of 37.5 or higher is recorded.

When To Stay At Home? It is mandatory that the student stays at home and consult a pediatrician if s/he fulfills ANY of the following criteria:

- If the child feels sick
- If he/she has Fever (37.5 or Above)
- If s/he has any of (but not limited to) signs and symptoms from the list:
 - Sore throat
 - Runny Nose
 - Blocked Nose
 - Cough
 - Conjunctivitis (red, pink, watery or painful eyes)
 - Headache, Body Pain, Fatigue
 - Shortness of Breath
 - Feeling Generally Unwell
 - Skin Rash
 - Loss of Smell or Taste
 - Diarrhea or Vomiting
- If the child has an **international travel history** during the 14 days prior to the onset of any of the above symptoms.
- If the child has been **in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case** within 05 days and now shows symptoms as well
- If the child is residing in a community setting where COVID-19 cases have been detected and is showing signs and symptoms of Covid-19 infection.

What To Do If Student Fulfills Any Of The Above Criteria:

- Keep the student at home.
- Parents should inform the Class Teacher via email/ class dojo/ call.
- Pediatric consultation should be done and shared with the Deira Private School Medical Team.
- If Covid-19 PCR test comes positive, the Class Teacher and DePS Medical Team should immediately be informed via email.

What Will Happen If a Sick Student Comes to School:

- If the child uses **School Transportation**, the bus monitor has the right to refuse a student from boarding the bus if the child looks sick or a fever is recorded.
- If a child begins to show any of the above symptoms while at school, they will be shifted to the isolation room.
- If the child is medically stable, the parent/guardian of the child will be notified immediately, and the parent should make necessary arrangements to pick up the child from the school facility **within 30 minutes (as per Dubai Health Authority guidelines)**, consult a pediatrician and share the report with the School Clinic.
- If the child seems medically unstable, an ambulance shall be called and parents/guardians shall be notified.
- The School Medical Team may advise a test (Covid-19 PCR test, Influenza test etc) depending on the case.
- Any child who presents to school clinic with any sign or symptom of infectious disease (including fever), can not join back school till she/he is symptom free for a minimum of 24 hours without the use of any fever reducing medication/s.

What If The Child Is Tested Covid-19 Positive On PCR:

- The student is required to observe strict home isolation for 10 days
- If the student is medically stable, Distance Learning/ Online Learning shall be offered by the Deira Private School for 10 days
- The Student will be marked PRESENT ON DISTANCE LEARNING if s/he avails the distance learning option.
- If the student is hospitalized or not well enough to attend lessons, he/she will be marked as notified absent. Once well enough, he/she can attend online/face to face lessons depending on the medical condition and after submitting all the required documents.
- In case of any concerns or support required, the parents must write to the class teacher or any member of the senior leadership team.

What If The Child Is Tested Covid-19 Negative On PCR:

- The child will not be permitted to return to school until the child's results for the Covid-19 PCR are obtained (where applicable) and shared with the School Clinic.
- If COVID-19 PCR test is negative, the child can join back the School once s/he is symptom free.

What If The Child Is Tested Positive for Any Other Infectious Disease:

If the child is tested positive for ANY other infectious disease, we shall advise:

- Share the medical test report and sick leave certificate with the Deira Private School medical team.
- Keep the child home and follow the treating doctor's prescription.
- Obtain a FIT TO JOIN certificate from the treating doctor once the student is symptom free and share it with the Deira Private School medical team before joining back.

When Can The Student Join Back School Physically:

- **FOR COVID-19 PCR POSITIVE STUDENT:**

1. After completion of 10 days of isolation
2. Being symptom free for 3 days without medication
3. Submission of Clearance Certificate/ Deisolation Certificate by DHA (Dubai Health Authority)
4. Getting the approval to join the school physically after a virtual medical checkup by Deira Private School Medical Team 1-2 days prior the joining date.
5. On the joining day, parents/guardians shall drop off the child themselves who would be taken to the School Clinic for a final assessment before being permitted to sit in the classroom.
6. **NO NEED** to repeat Covid-19 PCR on 10th / 11th day

- **FOR COVID-19 PCR NEGATIVE STUDENT:**

Being symptom free for 24 hours without any medication.

Latest Guidelines For Covid-19 Close Contacts:

1. Any close contact can physically attend the school as long as she/he is symptom free.
2. If the close contact develops symptoms, s/he should go for a Covid-19 PCR test and observe home quarantine till the result is received.

Updated guidelines for distance learning:

Short Period Of Time: As per KHDA guidance below mentioned students will be supported with online learning for a short period of time:

- Students tested positive for Covid-19.
- Students are deemed close contacts, have Covid-19 symptoms and are awaiting the results of a PCR.

Long Period Of Time: Students with high risk conditions (specific illnesses or immunocompromised), or the students living with elderly family members who have high risk conditions, are requested to do 100% Distance Learning by obtaining permission from DHA primary healthcare centers.

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