

1. PRESENCE AT SCHOOL

Staying in school is NOT allowed in the presence of symptoms suggestive of COVID-19, or body temperature above 37.5°C or with positive diagnostic test (antigenic or molecular). In case of mild symptoms without fever, a student's presence in school is allowed and the student will not be sent home but instead must wear a mask.

2. USE OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Students/staff are normally NOT expected to use face masks, except for the following situations:

- Mild symptomatology in the absence of fever;
- Presence in the class of a positive case, by classmates for 10 days after contact;
- Pupil*/School staff with vulnerabilities, at high risk of developing severe forms in case of infection.

*These guidelines apply starting with pupils who have turned/will turn 6 years old this year (born 2016).

3. CASE MANAGEMENT

In case of antigenic or molecular test positivity, the Ministry of Health guidance of 31/08/2022 applies, which requires isolation for 5 days regardless of the subject's vaccination status. On the fifth day of isolation (G5-Day 5) the antigenic or molecular swab can be performed in the absence of symptoms for at least 2 days. Day counting starts from the day following the finding of positivity (G0-Day 0). Example: positive test on September 1 (=G0)->Test on September 6 (=G5).

A negative swab result (antigenic or molecular) is always required for return to school. The pupil may resume classes by sending the end-of-isolation order issued by ATS or the negative swab report (non-self-testing) to the Medical Service. The pupil who tested positive is for all intents and purposes absent and no form of distance education is activated.

4. CONTACT MANAGEMENT

Classmates and teachers who have come in contact with the positive case follow the Ministry of Health's guidance of 03/30/2022, which calls for a 10-day self-monitoring period from the last contact (last day of attendance at school) with the use of FFP2* masks. In case of appearance of symptoms, an antigenic or molecular swab is required. If the swab is negative, attendance at school continues. An additional swab, antigenic or molecular, is repeated after 5 days if the contact still shows symptoms.

Self-surveillance and the associated requirement to wear a mask ends 10 days after the first positive case, regardless of whether or not there are additional positive cases related to the first case of Covid.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

The following are recommended:

- a) Frequent hand hygiene and compliance with respiratory etiquette (cover mouth with disposable handkerchief or elbow crease in case of coughing/sneezing);
- b) Routine and extraordinary sanitation;
- c) Frequent air exchange in classrooms/common spaces;
- d) Refraining from school attendance in case of fever detected at home.

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