

Updated Covid Secure Safety Measures Guidance

March 2021 update due to increasing number of variants and the higher transmission rate. This document is subject to change as Public Health guidance adjust as more information becomes available.

Staff must adhere to the risk assessment and Covid-secure protocol laid out by each school they teach in.

Lateral Flow Tests (LFT)

- **Government critical/keyworker guidance advises you to take an LFT twice a week every three or four days apart.**
- **Each result should be reported to NHS Test and Trace on the same day as the test is taken. This will provide evidence of the test should you require it. (Schools can refuse entry to visiting staff.)**
- **Please be aware of the following:**
 - **If your LFT is positive you are required to do a second LFT test straight away.**
 - **If your second LFT test is also positive you are required to self-isolate immediately and seek a PCR test to confirm the result and follow the government stay-at-home guidance.**
 - **If you have had Coronavirus, the LFT may show a false positive result and you may be required to follow the PCR testing procedure and should seek medical advice as to how to proceed.**
 - **For most recent guidance please see: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff#primary-or-secondary-school-staff>**

As a minimum, WMEHS expect staff to do the following **wherever possible and practical to do so:-**

Ventilate

- Ventilate at every opportunity
- Ventilate between bubbles if necessary (consider space, numbers, time, etc)
- Keep windows open (not just a door)
- A through flow of air draft to the outside air

Socially distance

- 2 meters **or more**
- Not only with the pupils but also with other staff within the school

Face Coverings

- We strongly advise the use of a face covering at all times – mask and/or visor

Hand sanitization/washing

- Where possible hand washing with soap and hot water for a minimum of 20 seconds is best.
- Ideally have a hot hand wash **every time** you **enter** and **leave** a school

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- Regular, **and at a minimum between bubbles of children or when contact has not been preventable**, use of hand sanitizer - 70% alcohol content is needed.

Hand/Face contact

- Avoid touching your face
- Use elbows to prop open doors, etc

Instrument Handling

- **Disposable gloves need to be used at all times and changed when contaminated.**
- **Physical contact with pupil (e.g. for technique correction) should be kept to an absolute minimum and disposable gloves should be used on all occasions**
- **Where wind instruments are in use, care should be taken to teach children how to dismantle gently (e.g. twist instead of pull, well-greased corks, etc) to minimise condensate spread.**
- **Blue roll should be used to collect condensate and then bagged using the doggy bag and binned by the pupil. Pupils should handle their own condensate waste and then gel hands immediately.**

PPE

We have provided the following and you can access more of these as and when you require. Allow time to contact your line manager to arrange collection whilst the Centre is closed:

- Hand sanitizer
- Face shields
- Face Masks
- Disposable gloves
- Blue roll (for collection of wind and brass condensate as well as other uses)
- Doggy bags (to dispose of blue roll, used wipes and other waste)
- Wipes
- Spray

Additional Information

- Further updates will follow should the guidance change, locally or nationally.
- All staff should make themselves aware of the latest updates.
- Any scenarios that aren't covered by these guidelines will need to be discussed and actioned immediately with your line manager and Scott should be informed.

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