

PHE South East Health Protection Team:

Guidance for Childcare and Educational Settings in the Management of COVID-19

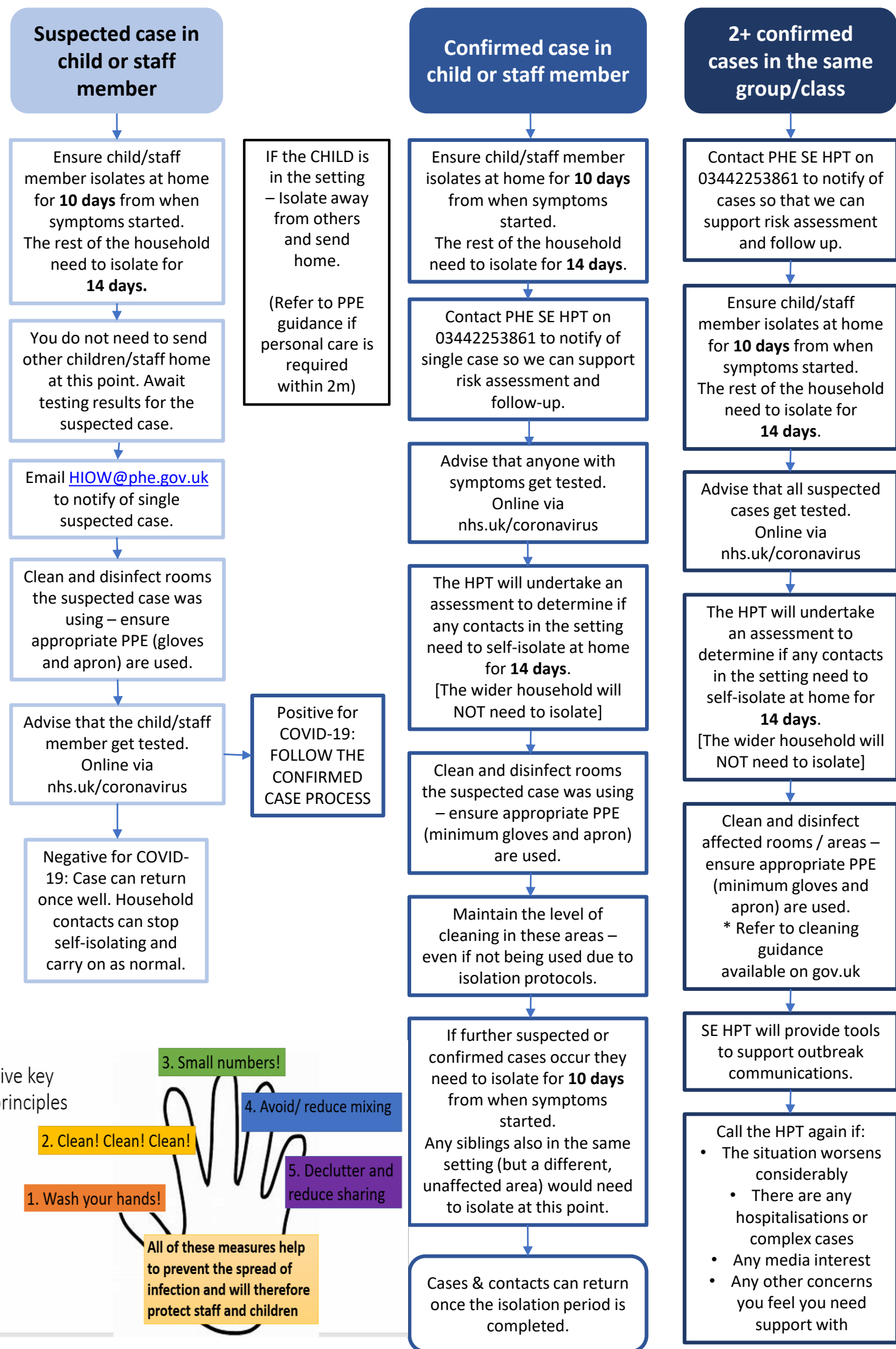
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Prevent the spread of infection by maintaining high standards of hygiene, including hand washing and regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces. This will help prevent COVID-19 spreading in schools, as well as other infectious diseases.

If you have any infection control concerns or questions please call the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Health Protection Team on 03442253861 (08449670083 out of hours). If the matter is not urgent you can also email HIOW@phe.gov.uk

GUIDANCE: Visit gov.uk/coronavirus for detailed schools guidance and other guidance

TESTING: Visit nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test



COVID-19 Case Definition:
(as of 18/05/20)

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

Cleaning
Refer to gov.uk (*Cleaning in non-healthcare settings outside the home*) for detailed guidance. Routine enhanced cleaning should already be in place.

The minimum PPE for cleaning an area after suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 has left the setting possible is disposable gloves and an apron. (N.b. if risk assessment indicates a higher level of virus may be present, e.g. where someone unwell has spent the night such as a boarding school dormitory, then additional PPE may be necessary – speak to your HPT for advice).

Public areas (e.g. corridors) - clean as normal. All frequently touched surfaces (door handles, taps, table tops, keyboards etc.) should also be cleaned and disinfected.

Use disposable cloths/paper roll, disposable mop heads to clean hard surfaces. Use a combined detergent and disinfectant or a two-stage cleaning process of detergent (household type cleaner) followed by a hypochlorite solution (1000ppm) e.g. diluted Milton (check chemicals in use are effective against enveloped viruses).

Waste
Any COVID-19 related waste should be double-bagged and stored for 72 hours before usual disposal.

School/setting closure
If you think you may need to close the school/setting, contact PHE SE HPT on 03442253861 first to discuss the public health perspective.

Five key principles

