

## Procedure followed by the ESF in case of Covid-19 positive testings

**Keeping the school community safe and healthy is our top priority.**

If pupils, teachers or staff are tested Covid-19 positive, the following procedure is applied:

- The person (pupil, teacher, ESF staff member) who tests positive for COVID-19 by means of an **antigen self-test** or **PCR immediately** informs the respective Deputy Director, Ms Laatu (Secondary School) or Ms Avsec (Nursery and Primary School) or Ms Kazda (Administration) and the Director, Mr Patscheider, cc Ms von Janowski by e-mail.
- Anyone who has had a positive antigen self-test must immediately take a PCR test; if this is positive, the school must be informed immediately. The procedure described here will be implemented immediately.
  - The obligation to wear a mouth-nose protection and to test daily already applies in the event of a suspected case, i.e. in the event of a positive rapid antigen test in the classroom or at home:
  - If a pupil or teacher/staff member tests positive on a rapid antigen test, he/she will be separated and must take a PCR test. Until the PCR result is available, the pupil/staff member remains at home. The pupils in the class will from now on wear a medical mask also at their place and will test themselves daily until the PCR result of the suspected case is available.
  - If the result is negative, the suspected case returns to class. The measures taken can be terminated.
  - If the result is positive, the mask obligation remains in place in the class in total for 14 days from the last contact, in addition, the entire class is tested daily for 14 days in total. Sport can take place if all possibilities of transmission can be excluded (sufficient distance or mask indoors).
  - Course constellations: If the PCR is confirmed, all students of the entire year must also wear masks in the classroom for 14 days (exclusion of further transmission in all class/course constellations). Daily testing must only be carried out by the pupils of the affected courses in which the positive case was present during the infection-relevant period. Vaccinated/recovered students do not have to participate in the tests.
  - Class trips: Before upcoming class trips, it is recommended to wear the mask consistently for 14 days, also at the seat. This is done with the aim of avoiding measures that would make it necessary to cancel the school trip. If the class trip falls in the period of a daily test with mandatory mask wearing at the seat, it must be decided on a case-by-case basis whether the trip can take place.
  - **Nursery:** If a PCR-positive person is reported, the further procedure will be discussed on a case-by-case basis - depending on the initial scenarios (attendance times, wearing a mask, etc.). Possible instruction: Closure of the affected group (no quarantine!) for 10 days since the presence of the infected person, but with the possibility for the children to return to the facility on day 5 after the last contact by means of a negative rapid antigen test (citizen test). Teachers/staff can continue to work with mouth-nose covering.
- ESF Management immediately contacts the health department by phone and email and sends detailed contact lists upon request.
- The school shall implement the instructions of the Health Department as soon as possible and inform the classes / departments concerned.
- The health department contacts the person who tested positive and gives direct instructions.
- The health authority decides whether and who is to be tested and who is to be quarantined, and gives further instructions to the school and the person concerned.

- **Anyone living in the same household as a person who has tested positive must also quarantine, the health department will inform you about the duration and other details.** In the case of siblings, please inform the class teacher or educational advisor as in the case of regular absences.
- Contact lists within the school are prepared by the primary/secondary secretary and the educational advisors, who also inform the respective class teacher, subject teacher, colleagues or other ESF staff who have had contact with the person who tested positive.
- In the case of row testings at the school, teachers/staff/students and service partners are informed by the ESF management.
- Information regarding distance learning/live streaming will be sent by the class teacher/subject teacher/educational advisor to the class/student concerned.
- Anyone who has been in quarantine and is allowed to return to the school informs the relevant Deputy Director, Ms Laatu (Secondary School) or Ms Avsec (Nursery and Primary School), Ms Kazda (Administration) in advance and pupils bring the form "Certificate of readmission" with them on their return, which can be found at the following link on the ESF website: [Certificate of Re-Admission.pdf \(esffm.org\)](#)
  - Test, isolation and quarantine regulations of the health department:
    - Vaccinated/recovered persons are in principle exempt from quarantine and testing
    - Infected persons must be in isolation for 14 days
      - Infected adults (not vaccinated/not recovered): 14 days - without test at the end.
      - Infected despite full vaccination protection: possibility of free testing (with PCR) from day 6 onwards.
      - Infected children and pupils (not vaccinated/not recovered): can be cleared with a PCR test from the 7th day of infection if there are no more symptoms 48 hours beforehand. (CT values  $\geq 30$  are considered a negative result in the 2nd test).
    - Close contact persons (KPs)
      - In general, according to RKI guidelines, KPs can be cleared by PCR from the 5th day after the last contact or by a rapid antigen test (citizen test) from the 7th day, otherwise the quarantine period is max. 10 days. Presentation of the negative test result is sufficient for re-admission to school; no letter from the health authority is required.
      - Persons involved in row testing (pupils) can be released from quarantine on day 5 by means of a rapid antigen test (citizen test).