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COVID-19 PROCESS CONTROL UPDATE 2

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| What should I do with my daughter? | | |
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| No | Description | Action |
| 1 | If she has cold symptoms and generally does not feel well – or has normal winter cold/flu symptoms | Stay at home until your child feel 100% better. Please do not let your child return to school until she is fully recovered |
| 2 | Is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever • Cough • Shortness of breath • Sore throat • Loss of taste or smell • Rash on palms of hands; toes or torso | Stay at home. Call your Doctor or go for a COVID-19 Test. Please do not return your child to school until she is feeling 100% better. |
| 3 | If someone in your Household is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms and/or has been tested for COVID-19 and is waiting results | Stay at home, wait for them to get 100% better, and/or wait for their results. If result is positive, then action per point 4 below. |
| 4 | If she has tested positive for COVID-19 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum period of self-isolation for 14 days is required for your daughter and all Family/Household members. • Your child will only be allowed to return if there are no symptoms and 14 days after receiving the test results. • We require a Doctor's letter to confirm good health. |

Casual Contact:

- You are a Casual Contact if:
 - You have had a short period of contact with the confirmed case in the short period preceding the positive test date.
 - And/or your contact was in well ventilated or outdoor setting, and both you and the confirmed case wore masks, and you maintained social distance at that time.
- The School Protocol is generally to keep your daughter at home for the relevant 14-day isolation period.
- We take our direction from the SOP Procedures COVID-19 Revision 8 - issued by the DBE. With specific reference to section 5.4.2 (attached below):

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| <p>5.4.2. Action to be taken when a child/learner may have been exposed to a <u>confirmed</u> case of COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case are required to quarantine in their homes for 14 days while being monitored for symptoms. They may not attend school. • Learners who are not contacts of a confirmed case should attend school. Family and friends who have not had close contact with the confirmed case do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities such as reporting to school or work, unless they begin to develop symptoms. • Learners who have interacted with a healthy contact of a confirmed case, specifically, should not be excluded from school. A person who comes into contact with the healthy contact of a confirmed case, is unlikely to result in transmission. • All case contacts who become symptomatic will be immediately tested by health authorities for COVID-19 and if they test positive for COVID-19, active contact tracing and self-quarantine of all contacts will be implemented. <p><i>NB. Keeping learners at home or closing schools is a serious decision which may restrict the learners' ability to acquire education, amongst other considerations. The decision to direct learners to stay at home, because of possible exposure to, or infection with COVID-19 should be justified by the available scientific evidence and must be directed by the accountable health authorities.</i></p> |
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4. We have confirmed with the provincial CDC Official listed in the same document, who indicates that people should not be kept from school for casual contact if:
 - a. They do not present with any symptoms.
 - b. The confirmed case presented no symptoms or was healthy at the time of the contact.
5. Based on the reference above, as well as our additional interpretation of the information, action is directed as follows:
 - o When four (4) days have passed since contact with the confirmed case, check if your daughter is well and shows no symptoms of COVID-19 per the School Protocol list and updated from time to time on the WHO website and SA COVID-19 website (<https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>)
 - o If your daughter is well, and has no symptoms, then she may return to school on the fifth (5) day since contact
 - o If she is unwell, then please keep her home for the full 14-Day period.
6. You may choose to have your daughter tested, but we suggest you wait the four-day period before you go for the test as the result could likely produce a false-negative due to a low viral load in the initial stages of the disease.
7. If you get a positive test, you must notify the school, in writing:
 - a. Operations Manager – operations@brescia.co.za
 - b. You may CC the respective School Head or Deputy Head
8. Please remember to stay away from school whilst any illness symptoms are present.

School continuance:

The Teacher; Grade Co-Ordinator or Deputy Head will be in contact regarding what will be done about assessments / tests / exams etc. that might be missed whilst your daughter is away from school.

In addition, the school Counselling department will make regular contact whilst your daughter is off school, to provide a communication link with the school, and to offer emotional support where needed.

School staff / Contractors / Service providers / Visitors:

The above process applies to all other people who enter the school property inner perimeter security line.

Other updates:

1. All pupils / staff / contractors / service providers / visitors will be screened at inner perimeter gates as well as at Sloane Driveway entrance
 2. The screening temperature of **38 °C limit**, which denies entry to the property, remains.
 3. We have introduced an additional screening limit protocol as follows:
 - a. Any temperature screening above **37,5 °C** – candidate will be asked to wait five to ten minutes, and then be rescreened.
 - b. If their temperature reduces to below **37,5 °C** they will be allowed entry
 - c. If their temperature remains above **37,5 °C**, then the screening person (security official or staff) will contact the Heads or Operations Manager for a further assessment prior to entry being granted or denied.
 - d. This further assessment will consider analysis of preceding history of screening temperature range for the individual, additional information regarding illness, exposure, and the like.
 - e. These instances will be handled on a case by case basis.
 - f. Occasionally the Counselling department will be asked to assist.
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