

Gaelscoil
Thaobh na Coille



An Prótacal má bhíonn Cás de COVID-19 againn ar scoil

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A thuismitheoirí agus a bhalla foirne,

Níl aon chás dearfach de COVID-19 deimhnithe againn sa scoil. É sin ráite, is gá dúinn machnamh a dhéanamh ar na nósanna imeachta atá ann chun dul i ngleic le cás dearfach ar scoil, le cinntiú go bhfuil muid ullmhaithe roimh ré ar eagla go dtarlódh a leithéid.

Sábháilteacht agus Beartais Rialaithe

Tá an Bord Bainistíochta, ceannaireacht na scoile agus an fhoireann feasach ar a thábhachtaí agus atá sé na daltaí, an fhoireann agus cuairteoirí na scoile a choinneáil sábháilte agus iad ar láthair na scoile. Is timpeallacht rialaithe í an scoil. Tá beartais rialaithe i bhfeidhm le dul i ngleic le scaipeadh an víris ar scoil, beartais atá bunaithe ar na nithe seo a leanas:

- Scaradh Sóisialta
- Sláinteachas Lámh
- Níosmháireacht sláinteachtais agus riospráide
- Caitheamh mascanna/clúdaigh aghaidhe

Má léiríonn duine comharthaí a bhaineann le COVID-19

Is gá na céimeanna seo a leanas a leanúint má léiríonn duine ar scoil (páiste nó duine fásta) comharthaí a cheaptar leis an víreas ar láthair na scoile:

- Bogtar an duine seo go dtí an limistéar scoite sula dtéann siad abhaile. I gcás na ndaltaí, iarrfar ar a dtuismitheoirí teacht chun na scoile leis an dalta a bhailiú. Ansin, is gá don tuismitheoir dul i dteagmháil leis an dochtúir teaghlaigh le comhairliúchán fóin a fháil saor in aisce.
- Má mholann an dochtúir teaghlaigh don duine (páiste nó duine fásta) dul le tástáil COVID-19 a fháil, glactar leis go bhfuil baol ann go bhfuil an víreas tolgtha ag an duine. Sa chás seo, is gá duine ar bith ón teaghlach sin an scoil a fhágáil agus fanacht glan ó dhaoine eile nach sa teaghlach iad, go dtí go dtagann torthaí na tástála ar ais.
- Más toradh diúltach é a thagann ar ais (98% de na cásanna), molfaidh an dochtúir cén uair ba chóir don duine filleadh ar an scoil – tar éis 48 uair, de ghnáth.

- Más toradh dearfach é (2% de na cásanna), cuirfear an tsláinte phoiblí ar an eolas, de réir dlí. Tá seans ann go nglacadh sé seo roinnt uaireanta mar gheall ar chúinsí a bhaineann leis an dlí agus leis an ualach oibre atá ar na seirbhísí sláinte i láthair na huair. Tá an riosca bainte den scoil toisc go bhfuil an duine a fuair toradh dearfach chomh maith lena t(h)eaghlach sa bhaile.
- D'fhéadfadh sé tarlú go gcuirfí an duine a fuair toradh dearfach nó a t(h)uismitheoirí ar an eolas sula mbeidh a fhios ag an tsláinte phoiblí. I roinnt cásanna bíonn plé ar na meáin shóisialta agus ardaítear imní i measc phobal na scoile.

Idirghabháil na Sláinte Poiblí

Is í Roinn na Sláinte Poiblí, atá mar chuid d'Fheidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, an ghníomhaireacht atá freagrach, de réir an dlí, as déileáil le cásanna dearfacha de COVID-19.

- A luaithe is a fhaigheann siad an t-eolas ón gcóras tástála atá ag an bhFeidhmeannacht Seirbhíse Sláinte, glacann Dochtúirí na Sláinte Poiblí seilbh ar an gcás agus déanfaidh siad measúnú riosca. Bunaithe ar cheistiú leis an duine a fuair toradh dearfach, gheobhaidh siad amach an raibh an duine ar láthair na scoile nuair a tholg siad an víreas. Mura raibh, ní gá dul i dteagmháil leis an scoil.
- Más rud é go gceaptar go raibh an duine ar scoil nuair a tholg siad an víreas, déanfaidh an tSláinte Phoiblí teagmháil leis an bpríomhoide le Measúnú Riosca na Sláinte Poiblí a dhéanamh. Is sraith ceisteanna é seo le fáil amach cé eile a bhféadfadh an víreas bheith orthu agus cé acu ar gá tástáil a fháil nó bheith scoite ó phobal na scoile. Beidh an measúnú riosca seo uathúil ag gach scoil.
- Ní bheidh ról ag an bpríomhoide ná ag an mbord bainistíochta sa mheasúnú riosca ach amháin an t-eolas a theastaíonn ó Oifigeach Leighis na Sláinte Poiblí a chur ar fáil.
- D'fhéadfadh sé tarlú go mbeadh ar an bpríomhoide nó an bord bainistíochta cabhrú leis an Oifig Leighis teachtaireacht a sheoladh go dtí na teaghlaigh a aithnítear sa mheasúnú riosca. Ní dhéanfaidh an tSláinte Phoiblí teagmháil le baill eile de phobal na scoile.
- Níl cead ag an bpríomhoide ná ag an mBord Bainistíochta fógra a dhéanamh a luann ainm(neacha) an duine/ na daoine a fuair toradh dearfach de COVID-19, mar gheall ar na cúiseanna seo a leanas:
 - Rúndacht maidir le hothair
 - Cuireann reachtaíocht RGCS cosc ar fhoilsiú sonraí pearsanta gan chead.



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If we have a confirmed case of Covid-19 in the school

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Dear Parents and Staff

We do not have any confirmed positive cases of Covid-19 in the school. However, it is only prudent that we consider what procedures are in place to deal if such a situation were to arise so that all of us are aware in advance of what happens in such an event.

Safety and Control Measures

The BoM, school leadership and staff are very conscious of the paramount need to keep all pupils, staff and visitors safe while in the school. The school is a controlled environment. There are control measures in place to combat the introduction or spread of COVID-19. These are based on:

- Physical Distancing
- Hand Hygiene
- Respiratory and Hygiene Etiquette
- Mask Wearing.

When a person displays symptoms of COVID-19

The following steps are taken when a person (child or adult) in the school presents with suspected COVID-19 symptoms:

- That person is moved to the isolated area prior to going home. In the case of children, their parents will be asked to come to the school, take them home and contact their GP for a free telephone consultation
- If the GP recommends that the person (child or adult) go for a COVID-19 test, that person is now considered a query case for COVID-19 and all of his/her household members are removed from the school and must restrict their movements until the results of the test comes back
- In the case of a negative result (98% of cases), the GP will advise when the person should return to school – usually after 48 hours.
- In the case of a positive result (2% of cases), Public Health will, by law, be informed. This may take a matter of hours due to legal and volume of work issues. The risk has been removed from the school as the person who tested positive and his/her household are at home

- The person tested, or their parents, may well be informed before Public Health. In many cases a social media discussion ensues and anxiety levels are raised among the school community.

Public Health Intervention

The Public Health Department of the HSE is the agency responsible by law for dealing with positive cases of COVID-19:

- Once notified by the HSE testing regime, Public Health Doctors assume total control of the situation and will carry out a risk assessment. Based on questioning, the person with the positive result they will ascertain if they were within the school setting when they contracted the virus. If not, there is no need to contact the school
- If the person was within the school setting when they contracted the virus, Public Health will contact the principal to carry out a Public Health Risk Assessment. This is a set of questions to see who might have been exposed to the virus and who needs to be excluded or tested. This risk assessment will be unique to each school
- The principal and BoM have no function in the risk assessment other than to provide whatever information is required by the Public Health Medical Officer conducting the risk assessment
- The principal and BoM may be asked to assist the Medical Office by sending a message from them to the relevant families identified in the risk assessment. Public Health will not contact other members of the school community
- The principal and BoM are not permitted to inform members of the school community of the identity of the person or persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 for the following reasons:
 - Doctor – Patient confidentiality
 - GDPR legislation prevents the publication of personal data without consent



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