

# PHE South East Health Protection Team:

## Managing Suspected and Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Early Years and Childcare settings

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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.\*\***

- To notify of 2+ confirmed cases or for advice about a potential outbreak situation, call **Surrey & Sussex Health Protection Team (HPT) on 0344 225 3861** (0844 967 0069 out of hours). If the matter is not urgent you can email [ICC.SurreySussex@phe.gov.uk](mailto:ICC.SurreySussex@phe.gov.uk)
- For general queries about COVID-19 in educational settings, or to notify of a single confirmed case, contact the **DfE Helpline on 0800 046 8687**. The line is open Monday-Friday 8am-6pm and Saturday-Sunday 10am-4pm.
- For detailed COVID-19 guidance for educational settings, see [www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare)
- To book a coronavirus test, see [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test) (call 119 if you don't have internet access)

**COVID-19 Case Definition:**

- 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).

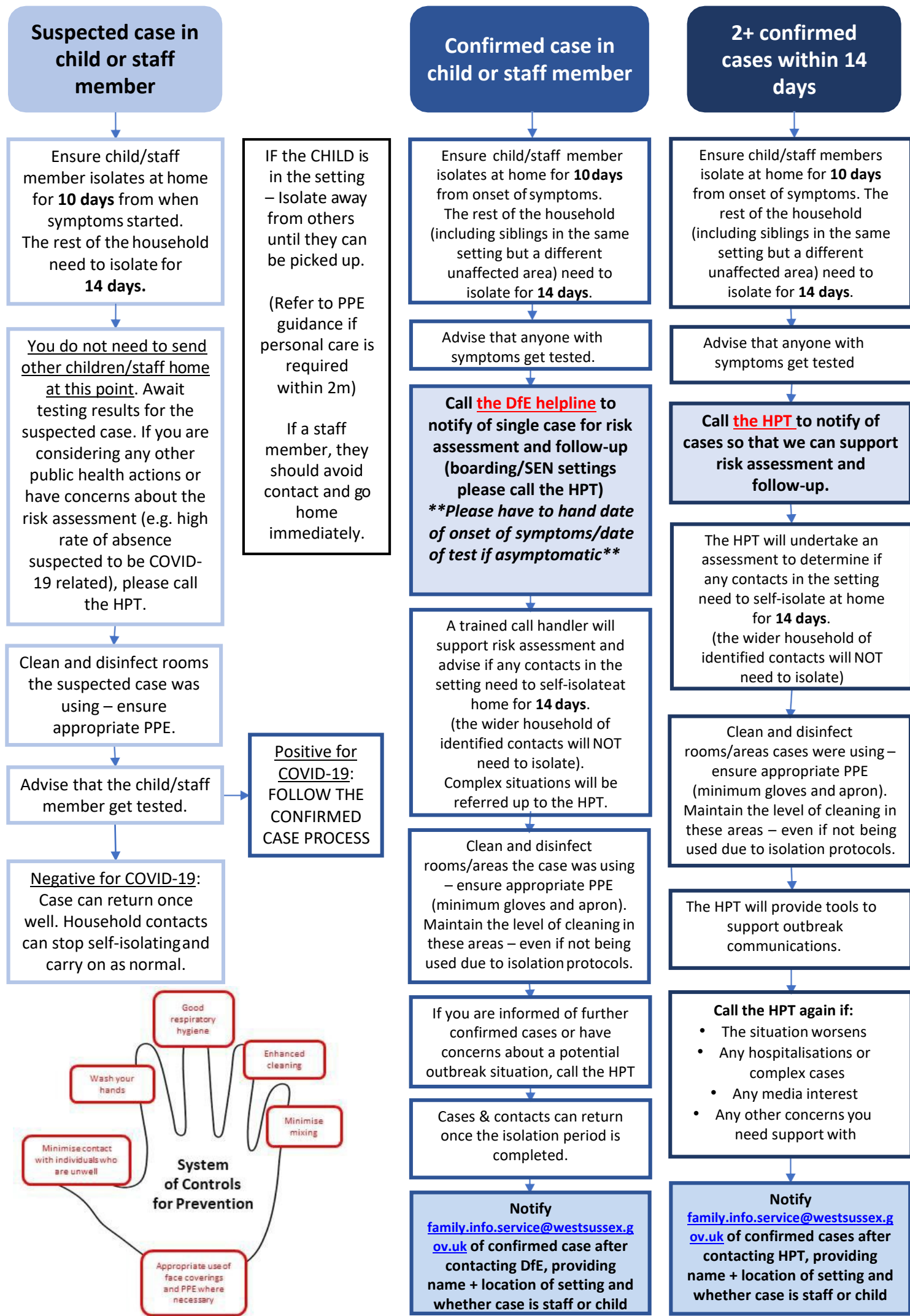
Public areas (e.g. corridors) - clean as normal. All frequently touched surfaces (door handles, taps, table tops, keyboards etc.) should also be cleaned and disinfected.

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.

**Setting Closure**  
If you think you may need to close the setting – contact your HPT first to discuss the public health perspective and contact your EYCA to discuss HPT recommendations. In the event of closure please also notify [family.info.service@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:family.info.service@westsussex.gov.uk)

**Ofsted**  
You must [tell Ofsted](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at your nursery, childminder business or other day care. You should also [tell Ofsted](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) if you have to close your setting as a result.



**Positive for COVID-19: FOLLOW THE CONFIRMED CASE PROCESS**

