



CONTINGENCY PLAN IN THE CONTEXT OF INFECTION WITH THE NEW CORONAVIRUS

GENERAL PROCEDURES ALREADY IN PLACE:

- ✓ Disseminate information to the entire school population and placement of DGS posters in places of frequent use
- ✓ Reinforce cleaning and disinfection, especially on frequently used and most used surfaces (eg handrails, door handles, elevator buttons). Pay special attention to the cleaning and disinfection of toys and study /work station (including materials and equipment used)

DEFINITION OF SUSPECTED CASE:

Clinical criteria		Epidemiological criteria
Acute respiratory infection (fever or cough or difficulty breathing)	AND	Travel history to areas with active community transmission in the 14 days before the onset of symptoms Or Contact with confirmed or highly likely infection case Or Contact with medical professional or person that has been in a healthcare facility which treats COVID-19 patients

DEFINITION OF VALIDATED CASE: Suspected case which has been validated by SNS24 (no laboratory results).

DEFINITION OF CONFIRMED CASE: With positive laboratory results for COVID19.

PROCEDURES FOR A SUSPECTED CASE AT OBS

- ✓ Anyone feeling ill should as normal, contact First Aid.
- ✓ If Lidia identifies a suspected case she must wear a surgical mask and disposable gloves and contact **Joana Saraiva (ext 205) or Robin Silk (ext 208)**
- ✓ The suspect case puts on its own mask and adjusts it to the face, in order to allow complete occlusion of the nose, mouth and lateral areas of the face
- ✓ Anyone with symptoms goes to the Isolation room- **ICT room next to the Primary Huts**
- ✓ **Joana/Robin to collect Protective Equipment from Raquel Nunes (ext 216)**
- ✓ Joana/Robin contact **SNS24 (808 24 24 24)** and follow their instructions.
- ✓ Parents are contacted
- ✓ The suspected case will remain in the isolation room until further instructions, accompanied by Joana/Robin taking the necessary safety precautions – mask, gloves and safety distance.
- ✓ Anyone else's access to the isolation area is prohibited
- ✓ If required, **suspected case to use the toilets by the science labs. These will then need to be closed.**
- ✓ **At all times the recommendations from SNS24 will be followed, including access from parents.**



Hygiene and disinfection of the isolation room and the first aid room as soon as suspected case leaves

- ✓ Decontamination of the “isolation” area, with degreasing detergent followed by disinfectant - 70% alcohol for metal surfaces and sodium hypochlorite (2% household bleach (250 ml of bleach for 5L of water) or if sodium Troclosen tablets (1 tablet for 5L of water)
- ✓ Reinforce cleaning and disinfection, especially on surfaces frequently handled and most used by the patient (including materials and equipment used by the suspected case).
- ✓ The Cleaning Equipment is for exclusive and exclusive use, which must be disposed of or discarded after use. When single use is not possible, cleaning and disinfection should be provided after use (eg buckets and handles). Compressed air equipment should not be used for cleaning, due to the risk of aerosol recirculation (the virus is transmitted by aerosols)
- ✓ If the case is confirmed (positive laboratory result) store all waste in a plastic bag (50 or 70 microns thick) which, after being closed (eg with a clamp), must be segregated and sent to a licensed operator for management of hospital waste with biological risk.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DGS

Establishment of an “isolation” room or office to prevent other members of the school community from being exposed.

- a) room with natural or forced ventilation
- b) no carpet or curtains and only washable surfaces
- c) Equipped with: telephone / mobile phone, chair or couch (for rest and comfort of the student / professional, pending the validation of the case and possible transport)
- d) Kit with water and some non-perishable food
- e) Container waste with pedal opening and covered with plastic bag (50 or 70 microns thick)
- f) WC to support the “isolation” room and for exclusive use for the suspected case with liquid soap and paper towels

Protective Equipment kept by Raquel Nunes for use in suspected case:

- a) Surgical masks for use in the suspected case
- b) Surgical mask and disposable gloves for use by the person accompanying the case
- c) Basic antiseptic solution alcoholic (SABA)

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