**If your child is a close contact of COVID-19**

Children and COVID-19

* **-**[**If your child has symptoms of COVID-19**](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/children-and-covid-19/if-your-child-has-symptoms-of-covid-19.html)
* **-**[**If your child is a close contact of COVID-19**](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/children-and-covid-19/if-your-child-is-a-close-contact.html)
* **-**[**If your child is told to isolate from other people**](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/children-and-covid-19/if-your-child-is-told-to-isolate-from-other-people.html)
* **-**[**Testing for children**](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/children-and-covid-19/testing-for-children.html)

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This advice is for babies and children up to the end of primary school, usually the age of 12 or 13.

Secondary school children who are close contacts should follow the advice for adults [if they are a close contact of COVID-19](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/testing/if-you-are-a-close-contact.html).

**Keep your child at home**

If your child has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, lives with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms or has been abroad, do not send them to school or childcare.

They will need to [restrict their movements for 14 days](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/managing-coronavirus-at-home/if-you-live-with-someone-who-has-coronavirus.html), even if they feel well.

[Read more about when you should keep your child at home](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/school-and-covid-19/when-you-should-keep-your-child-home.html), including what to do if they have symptoms.

**If your child is a close contact of COVID-19**

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 and is a close contact of someone who has tested positive:

* [isolate your child from other people immediately](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/children-and-covid-19/if-your-child-is-told-to-isolate-from-other-people.html)
* phone your GP

[Follow the advice for children who have symptoms of COVID-19.](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/children-and-covid-19/if-your-child-has-symptoms-of-covid-19.html)

If your child is a close contact and has no symptoms of COVID-19 they should:

* [restrict their movements for 14 days](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/managing-coronavirus-at-home/if-you-live-with-someone-who-has-coronavirus.html) - this includes not going to school
* get tested for COVID-19 - a [contact tracer](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/testing/contact-tracing.html#call) will arrange this when they call you

The people they live with, including their brothers and sisters, do not need to restrict their movements.

If your child is a[close contact](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/close-contact-and-casual-contact.html#close) and they develop symptoms, isolate them from other people, phone your GP, restrict your movements. Everyone they live with should also restrict their movements.

[Read advice about children and testing, including when your child may need two tests](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/if-your-child-has-symptoms.html#test)

[Read advice on what to do if your child is a close contact of COVID-19 in school](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/child-close-contact-covid-19-school.html)

**If your child is living with someone who may have COVID-19**

Your child will need to [restrict their movements](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/managing-coronavirus-at-home/if-you-live-with-someone-who-has-coronavirus.html).

If your child develops symptoms, [isolate them from other people](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/managing-coronavirus-at-home/self-isolation.html) and phone your GP.

**If your child has been abroad**

Your child will need to [restrict their movements](https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/managing-coronavirus-at-home/if-you-live-with-someone-who-has-coronavirus.html#restrict) for 14 days if they have just returned from a country overseas.

This means they should stay at home and not go to school, even if they feel well. They do not need to see a GP unless they develop symptoms.

Everyone your child travelled with should also restrict their movements for 14 days.