

# COVID-19 CLOSE CONTACT

## - What does this mean?

# Protect your family and friends

If the school get in touch with you because your child has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. This is because if they have the virus, it may take up to 14 days for it to develop into an illness.

Children have already experienced a long period of absence from schools. The Department of Education and Public Health are supporting schools to correctly identify close contacts to avoid large numbers of children being sent home to self-isolate where it is not necessary.

### Close contact:



Your child has had face to face contact (within 1 metre), with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, including being coughed on, face to face conversation or skin to skin physical contact.

or



Your child has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes.

### Self-isolation means your child should not:



Go to school



Play with friends



Leave the house