

# COVID-19 CLOSE CONTACT

## - What does this mean?

# Protect your family and friends

If the childcare and education settings 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 10 days. This is because if they have the virus, it may take up to 10 days for it to develop into an illness.

Children have already experienced a long period of absence from childcare and education settings. The Department of Education and Public Health are supporting childcare and education settings 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 (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day).

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



Go to school



Play with friends



Leave the house

The rest of the household does not need to isolate unless they have also been identified as a close contact of the positive case.