

Procedures in the event of identification of a positive case

We all have a collective responsibility for the health and safety of those in the school, we encourage the honest disclosure of medical status as this will ensure the overall safety of others. In so doing it can prevent further spread of infection. Those feeling sick are encouraged to stay at home.

All staff members and learners are screened when entering the school premises, be mindful and honest when answering the screening questionnaire and declare any other illnesses.

Screening questionnaire:

1. Your temperature recording
2. Do you have a cough?
3. Do you have a sore throat?
4. Do you have shortness of breath?
5. Have you lost sense of taste/smell?
6. Have you had close contact with a confirmed Covid 19 case in the past 14 days?
7. Have you travelled outside of South Africa or Gauteng in the past 14 days?
8. Have you visited any health care facility in the past 14 days?

Protocol followed when dealing with a positive case:

As a school we communicate details of the incident in accordance with appropriate communication channels that exist with the school management team, safety and security team, COVID-19 committee and the parents of learners affected. This is done respecting the confidentiality rights of the affected learners or members of staff to ensure that they are not discriminated against on grounds of having tested positive for COVID-19, or those who have had contact with a person who tested positive. There is certainly a need to balance individual privacy and responsibility to ensure the safety of others, disclosure of your Covid-19 status is important.

1. The case is reported to the Gauteng Department of Basic Education and the Department of Health.
2. Investigate and identify those who had close contact with the positive case.
3. Immediately isolate the identified learners from the rest of the school.
4. These learners are debriefed before their parent/guardian is contacted.
5. Inform their parent/ guardian, the learner is collected from school to self isolate for 14 day and observe if they develop any symptoms. In the case the learner develops symptoms they should be taken in for testing and the school must be informed.
6. Correspondence will be sent to all parents in the event of a positive case.
7. The school is closed for 1-7day (including weekends) to deep clean and disinfect the premises.

Deep cleaning consists of the following

- Cleaning the floors and surfaces with a strong disinfectant solution
 - Sanitizing tables, chairs, door handles and all other flat surfaces
 - Disinfect all classrooms and contact areas using Disinfecting Jet Fogging machine.
8. The names of the learners affected are referred to the school psychologist (Sigi Graham) for emotional support and counselling.

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9. The learner who tested positive is required to provide the school with negative test results before commencing with school again.

Willowridge High School has ongoing feedback system to the schools management team, on areas needing attention such as control measures or any other issues identified as areas of concern.