



Cork University Hospital School, Puffin Ward, C.U.H., Wilton, Cork

COVID-19 Policy Statement

Cork University Hospital School is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our staff and a safe learning environment for all our pupils.

To ensure that, we have developed the following COVID19 Response Plan.

The BOM and all school staff are responsible for the implementation of this plan and a combined effort will help contain the spread of the virus.

We will:

- continue to monitor our COVID-19 response and amend this plan in consultation with our staff
- provide up to date information to our staff and pupils on the Public Health advice issued by the HSE and Gov.ie
- display information on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and correct handwashing techniques
- agree with staff a Lead Worker Representative and Deputy Lead Work Representative who are tasked to carry out the role outlined in this plan
- inform all staff and pupils of essential hygiene and respiratory etiquette and physical distancing requirements together with
- adapt the school to facilitate physical distancing as appropriate in line with the guidance and direction of the Department of Education
- keep a contact log to help with contact tracing of external visitors.
- ensure staff engage with the induction / familiarisation briefing provided by the Department of Education
- implement the agreed procedures to be followed in the event of someone showing symptoms of COVID-19 while at school
- provide instructions for staff and pupils to follow if they develop signs and symptoms of COVID-19 during school time

- implement cleaning in line with Department of Education advice.
- all school staff will be consulted on an ongoing basis and feedback is encouraged on any concerns, issues or suggestions. This can be done through the Lead Worker Representative(s), who will be supported in line with the agreement between the Department and education partners.

Covid-19 Back to school Plan

- The Board of Management of Cork University Hospital School has drawn up this Covid-19 Back to School Plan. The Board of Management takes this as one of its highest priorities the safety and well-being of students, staff, and visitors to our school. In this context, we have drawn up this specific policy to deal with the ongoing pandemic, Covid-19. A preliminary safety assessment was carried out to inform our response to the health crisis. A Lead Worker Representative (Principal) and a Deputy Lead Worker Representative (Deputy Principal) was appointed. All staff, students and visitors to the school will follow the safety procedures as set out by the Public Health and Department of Education & Skills.
- Control measures at our school include hand/respiratory hygiene, physical distancing, and procedures for visitors to the school. The Board of Management has procured PPE and sanitising materials and protocols are in place regarding optimal use of these. Staff are advised to familiarise themselves with DES and IPPN information on dealing with the pandemic. A contact tracing log for all visitors will be maintained and the details will be provided to HSE in the event of a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19.
- Parents (and other visitors) are advised to make an appointment by phone if they wish to speak to a member of staff. This policy and Plan will be reviewed periodically in line with Public Health advice.
- As of the 2nd of November, only bedside teaching will take place. This will limit the risk of the spread of the virus. Any materials/ books that are used are to be wiped down and left aside for 72 hours before they can be used again. Materials are to be purchased that children can keep at their bedside and bring home with them.
- Teachers are required to stay with the same child for the week (where possible) limiting the number of children they see on a weekly basis.
- Teachers are to ensure that any clothing worn is washed at 60 degrees and that they do not mix professional and personal clothing. This is to ensure that teachers are limiting the risk of the spread of the virus.

Signed _____ Date _____

Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed _____ Date _____

Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management