

LR/AM/Term2-21/22

07 March 2022

### **UPDATED REPORTING COVID-19 PROTOCOLS - 07 MARCH 2022**

Dear Parents,

The protocols outlined below must be followed by:

- ALL students who have tested POSITIVE.
- Students who have come into close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 positive case.
- Students with COVID-19 related symptoms.

As defined by the DHA:

**COVID-19 Close Contact:** is a person who is exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case, within a proximity of one (1) meter or less, for a period of more than 15 minutes, with or without wearing masks, or who is in direct physical contact with the case (like hand shaking). This could be at work, in educational settings, at home, while using public transportation, etc. The exposure is considered if the interaction with the confirmed case meets one of the following:

- From two (2) days before the onset of symptoms in the confirmed case.
- From two (2) days of positive PCR test specimen collection date, for asymptomatic confirmed cases.
- During the ten (10) days duration of the illness
- unless they have been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last six (6) months and have recovered and remain without COVID-19 symptoms (p 11)

*(Information Source: Management of COVID-19 in Educational Institutions, Version 5.1  
Ref. No. HRS/HPSD/MC-19EI/V5.1/2021, Issued 16 Sept 2021)*

#### **1. IF A STUDENT HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**

- a. Parents must inform the school by calling the **JAS Health & Safety Team on 054 9961622** (between 7am and 4pm Monday - Friday).  
*This phone number must be used for reporting COVID-19 positive cases only.*
- b. Parents need to contact trace the student's movements for the previous *two (2) days* prior to the onset of symptoms, or from the day of the PCR positive test, and inform the school of any other JAS students suspected of being a close contact\* outside of school hours.
- c. The COVID-19 positive student must **ISOLATE for 10 days** and not physically attend school. The student will be registered automatically for Distance Learning.

- d. Parents must email a copy of the student's PCR test result to [reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org](mailto:reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org).
- e. At the end of the 10 day isolation period parents must submit the COVID-19 Clearance Certificate which is automatically issued by the DHA on Day 10 (or by calling the DHA Helpline 800342 if it is not received) before the student can return to school.
- f. Parents MUST email a copy of the COVID-19 Clearance Certificate to [reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org](mailto:reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org)
- g. Students MUST NOT return to school until the COVID-19 Clearance Certificate has been received and acknowledged by the school's Health Clinic.

**2. IF A STUDENT HAS COME INTO CLOSE CONTACT\* WITH A CONFIRMED COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE** (refer to the DHA definition of a \*Close Contact above)

- a. From 26 February 2022, any student who is identified as a Close Contact\* is **no longer required to quarantine** and can physically attend school, providing they are asymptomatic (symptom-free). A *Close Contact\* who is **asymptomatic** does not require a PCR test result in order to return to school.*
- b. Parents must inform the school of the Close Contact\* by emailing the details to [reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org](mailto:reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org)
- c. The DHA advises that **symptomatic** Close Contact\* students seek medical advice **and** conduct a COVID-19 PCR test.
- d. If a COVID-19 PCR test is carried out and the result is positive, then the student must follow the procedures stipulated in SECTION 1 above.

**3. IF THE STUDENT IS A SIBLING OF A CLOSE CONTACT\* (ie: THE SIBLING HAS NOT PERSONALLY COME INTO CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE KNOWN COVID-19 POSITIVE CASE)**

- a. As per DHA guidelines, the sibling of a student who is deemed to be a Close Contact\* to a confirmed COVID-19 positive case **is permitted to attend school** however parents must monitor the sibling extremely closely for any COVID-19 related symptoms.
- b. If symptoms develop refer to Section 4 below.

**CONTACT INFORMATION - for COVID-19 reporting only**

- If a student is **COVID-19 POSITIVE (Section 1)** – Call **054 9961622** between 7am and 4pm. (calls after 4pm will be dealt with on the following working day)

#### 4. STUDENTS WITH COVID-19 RELATED SYMPTOMS

- a. It is vitally important that if your child is unwell and is displaying any COVID-19 related symptoms you must NOT send them to school and follow the standard JAS absence procedure by notifying the school via email on [absence@jebelalishool.org](mailto:absence@jebelalishool.org).
- b. To physically return to school your child must be symptom-free and will be required to submit a negative PCR test result to [reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org](mailto:reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org)
- c. Distance Learning is not available to students who are absent from school due to illness or whilst awaiting a PCR test result.
- d. In order to reduce the spread of illness the school adheres to the following Infection control policy.
  - Children who have the following symptoms or are sent home by the school's Health Clinic should not return to school until they are **24 hours' symptom free** if they have:
    - o Fever 37.5°C or above
    - o Skin rash
    - o Heavy nasal discharge
    - o Sore throat
    - o Persistent cough
    - o Red, watery and painful eyes
  - Children should not return to school until they are **48 hours' symptom free** if they have:
    - o Vomiting
    - o Diarrhoea

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If a student has been in **close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 Positive case** (Section 2 and 3) email the details to [reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org](mailto:reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org) *This email address must be used for reporting COVID-19 positive and suspected Close Contacts cases only.*

With your cooperation, we hope that these procedures will continue to keep all of our school community safe and the school open to students.

Yours faithfully,

Lizzie Robinson  
Principal

### SCENARIO 1

**IF A JAS STUDENT TESTS COVID-19 POSITIVE**

**PARENT TO CONTACT JAS H&S TEAM ON 054 9961622 (7am - 4pm Mon -Fri)**

**PARENT TO CONTACT TRACE ALL CLOSE CONTACTS\* IN THE PREVIOUS 2 DAYS BEFORE the onset of symptoms OR positive test**

**PARENT MUST EMAIL COPY OF PCR TEST RESULT**  
[reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org](mailto:reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org)

**STUDENT MUST ISOLATE AND REMAIN AT HOME FOR 10 DAYS** from the date of test result

**STUDENT WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED FOR DISTANCE LEARNING**

**PARENTS MUST SUBMIT THE STUDENT'S COVID-19 CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE ISSUED AUTOMATICALLY FROM DHA (OR BY CALLING 800342) BEFORE THEY CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL & EMAIL A COPY TO**  
[reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org](mailto:reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org)

**STUDENT MUST RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM JAS HEALTH CLINIC BEFORE RETURNING**

### SCENARIO 2

**STUDENT IN CLOSE CONTACT\* WITH A POSITIVE CASE** in the previous 2 days BEFORE the onset of symptoms OR positive test

**PARENTS TO INFORM SCHOOL BY EMAILING**  
[reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org](mailto:reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org)

**A CLOSE CONTACT\* STUDENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE AND CAN PHYSICALLY ATTEND SCHOOL PROVIDING THEY ARE SYMPTOM-FREE**

**A CLOSE CONTACT\* WHO IS SYMPTOM-FREE DOES NOT REQUIRE A PCR TEST RESULT IN ORDER TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.**

**CLOSE CONTACT MUST BE CLOSELY MONITORED FOR ANY COVID-19 RELATED SYMPTOMS**

**IF SYMPTOMS DEVELOP STUDENT MUST SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE & OBTAIN A MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND A PCR TEST**

**IF PCR TEST IS NEGATIVE THE STUDENT CAN PHYSICALLY ATTEND SCHOOL PROVIDING THEY ARE SYMPTOM-FREE**

**IF PCR TEST IS POSITIVE FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCENARIO 1**

### SCENARIO 3

**SIBLING OF A CLOSE CONTACT\* IS PERMITTED TO ATTEND SCHOOL PROVIDING THEY ARE SYMPTOM FREE**

**PARENTS TO CLOSELY MONITOR SIBLING FOR ANY COVID-19 RELATED SYMPTOMS**

**IF SYMPTOMS DEVELOP STUDENT MUST REMAIN AT HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE TO OBTAIN A MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND CONDUCT A COVID-19 PCR TEST**

**TO PHYSICALLY RETURN TO SCHOOL THE STUDENT MUST BE SYMPTOM-FREE AND IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A NEGATIVE PCR TEST RESULT**

**A COVID-19 CLOSE CONTACT\* is:**  
a person who is exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case, within a proximity of one (1) meter or less, for a period of more than 15 minutes, with or without wearing masks, or who is in direct physical contact with the case.

From two (2) days before the onset of symptoms in the confirmed case, or the positive PCR test specimen collection date, or during the ten (10) days duration of the illness.  
*\*unless they have been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last six (6) months and have recovered and remain without COVID-19 symptoms*  
(Source: DHA Guidelines V5.1, 16.09.2021)

### SCENARIO 4

**IF A STUDENT IS DISPLAYING ANY COVID-RELATED SYMPTOMS THEN THE STUDENT MUST REMAIN AT HOME WHILST WAITING FOR A MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND A COVID-19 PCR TEST RESULT.**

**FOLLOW THE JAS ABSENCE PROCEDURE BY EMAILING**  
[absence@jebelalishool.org](mailto:absence@jebelalishool.org)

**TO PHYSICALLY RETURN TO SCHOOL THE STUDENT MUST BE SYMPTOM-FREE AND IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A NEGATIVE PCR TEST RESULT TO**  
[reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org](mailto:reportingcovid@jebelalishool.org)

### JAS INFECTION CONTROL POLICY (pre-COVID-19)

In order to reduce the spread of illness the school follows the following **Infection Control Policy**.

Children who have the following symptoms (or are sent home by the JAS Health Clinic) should not return to school until they are:

#### 24 hours' symptom-free

- Fever 37.5°C or above
- Skin rash
- Heavy nasal discharge
- Sore throat
- Persistent cough
- Red, watery and painful eyes

#### 48 hours' symptom free

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea

### COVID-19 RELATED SYMPTOMS

fever / chills, sore throat, cough, headache, new loss of taste / smell, shortness of breath, difficult breathing, muscle or body aches, diarrhoea / vomiting, congestion / runny nose, fatigue.