



# ISOLATION ROOM GUIDELINES

The purpose of these guidelines is to outline the isolation room procedure when a child becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms.

The isolation room should contain a bathroom with handwashing facilities. If this is not feasible, designate a bathroom for isolation room use only. Consideration of ventilation such as windows and an outside door is preferable to reduce the spread of disease for isolated individuals exiting the building.



## RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Surgical masks (adult and child sizes)
- Latex-free gloves
- Face shield
- Disposable gowns
- Tissues
- Garbage can
- Trash bags
- Hand-sanitizer with 60-95% alcohol
- Brown paper bags
- EPA approved cleaning supplies
- Phone or Walk-talkie
- N95 masks
- Touchless thermometer
- Proper signage restricting/limiting entry
- Clipboard, pens, symptomatic log sheet, symptomatic child letter

## HOW TO DETERMINE IF CHILD SHOULD BE RELOCATED TO ISOLATION ROOM

1. Is child currently experiencing ONE or more of the following symptoms unrelated to a known pre-existing condition (e.g. asthma, allergies)?

- New cough     Shortness of breath     Difficulty breathing     New loss of taste or smell

2. Is student currently experiencing TWO or more of the following symptoms unrelated to a known pre-existing condition (e.g. asthma, allergies)?

- Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)     Headache     Diarrhea (2x in 24 hours)
- Chills (rigors)     Sore throat     Nausea or vomiting (2x in 24 hours)
- Muscle aches (myalgias)     Fatigue     Congestion or runny nose

Learn more about slowing the spread of COVID-19 at [www.moh.gov.jm](http://www.moh.gov.jm)

For children with a known pre-existing condition (e.g. Asthma, Allergies), follow the child specific individual medical care plan. Isolation is not required.

Is child currently experiencing ONE or more of the following symptoms unrelated to a known pre-existing condition (e.g. asthma, allergies)?

New cough • Shortness of breath • Difficulty breathing • New loss of taste/smell

AND/OR

Is child currently experiencing any TWO or more of the following symptoms unrelated to a known pre-existing condition (e.g. asthma, allergies)?

- Fever (100.4 degrees or higher)
- Chills (rigors)
- Headache
- Muscle aches (myalgias)
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea (2x in 24 hours)
- Nausea or vomiting (2x in 24 hours)
- Congestion or runny nose

YES

Treat child as suspected COVID-19 and follow isolation room guidelines

NO

child can remain in daycare/school



## ONCE IN THE ISOLATION ROOM

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- Assigned staff wears gloves and surgical mask at all times
- If child is coughing, assigned staff should wear a face shield and N95 mask
- If child is vomiting, assigned staff should wear a gown
- Contact parent for prompt child pick up
- Have child wash hands and replace facial covering with a surgical mask (store used face covering in brown paper bag to be laundered at home or throw away disposable mask)
- Remain 6 feet apart in the isolation room when possible
- Monitor child/children at all times
- Assigned staff uses Symptomatic Child Documentation Log
- Recommend taking temperature upon arrival and document results on Symptomatic Child Documentation Log.

## ONCE PARENT/GUARDIAN ARRIVES TO SCHOOL

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- Parent/Guardian to remain in vehicle, child to be escorted to pick up area
- Parent/Guardian to receive Symptomatic Child Letter

## CLEAN AND DISINFECT

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- All items and surfaces used by the ill child
  - Remove gloves – wash hands
  - Remove mask and throw way – wash hands again
  - Replace surgical mask if monitoring additional children
  - Notify cleaning staff per building disinfecting protocol.
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