

Information sheet

- Schools and daycare centers in the pandemic -

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Due to the significant increase in the number of infections in the general population, an increase in infections can currently also be observed in schools, daycare centers and the surrounding area. As before, transmission among children and adolescents in schools and daycare centers is rare, but regular testing has revealed an increasing number of positive cases. In **principle, we continue to recommend the wearing of a protective medical mask as a simple and effective means of protecting against the transmission of infections.** This applies in schools as well as in all other areas of society.

For your information, we would like to explain our updated procedure in schools and daycare centers. We continue to adhere to our established procedure of not exempting those sitting directly next to us from the attendance classes. This also applies if the rapid test is confirmed positive by PCR.

Schools

- If a child tests positive by rapid antigen test, he or she is segregated and must undergo PCR testing. Until the PCR result is available, the child remains at home.
- As the doctors' and pediatricians' offices are currently very busy, it is recommended that in the event of a positive rapid test at school, a PCR test be performed at a public testing center in the neighborhood or at the testing centers of the KV in order to avoid longer waiting times until the final confirmation of a positive case. This is still possible by presenting either the school test booklet with the notation of the positive test; in addition, the schools usually also provide a separate information sheet in these cases, which can be presented at the test center as a receipt. It is also helpful to take the positive rapid test cassette with you to test centers.
- The students in the class will also wear a medical mask in the classroom from now on and will be tested daily until the PCR result of the suspected case is available.
- If the result is negative, the suspected case is returned to the class. The measures taken can be terminated.
- If the result is positive, the mask obligation remains in place in the class for a total of 14 days from the last contact, in addition, the entire class is tested daily for a total of 14 days. Sports can take place if all possibilities of transmission can be eliminated (sufficient distance or mask indoors).
- In the event of an increase in the number of cases in a class, it may be possible to switch to distance teaching on a case-by-case basis. In the case of increased clusters, masking may be ordered for the entire school.

Schools with course system: If PCR is confirmed, all students of the entire year must also wear masks at the school for a total of 14 days (exclusion of further transmission in all course constellations). Daily testing must only be carried out by the students of the affected courses in which the positive case was present during the infection-relevant period. Vaccinated/recovered students are not required to participate in testing, but may.

Class trips: Before upcoming class trips, it is recommended to wear the mask consistently for 14 days, also at the seat. This is done with the aim of avoiding measures that would make it necessary to cancel the class trip. If the class trip falls during a period of daily testing with an ordered requirement to wear the mask at the seat, a decision must be made on a case-by-case basis as to whether the trip will take place. Parents must plan to pick up their children on site if necessary.

ESB and hoards

If a report is made, the procedure is the same as for schools; the children and staff must wear medical masks indoors for 14 days. The additional necessary tests are covered by the school.

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- If a PCR-positive person is reported, the further procedure will be discussed on a case-by-case basis. Possible order: Closure of the affected group (no quarantine!) for 10 days since the presence of the infected person, but with the possibility for the children to return to the facility on day 5 after last contact by means of a negative rapid antigen test (citizen test). Adults can continue with mask.

Testing, isolation and quarantine regimes:

- Basically, vaccinated/genetically infected persons are exempt from quarantine and testing. However, in case of positive detection, isolation will follow.
- Infected adults (not vaccinated/not recovered): 14 days - without test at the end.
- Infected despite full vaccination protection: possibility of free testing (with PCR) from day 6 onwards.
- Infected children and students (not vaccinated/not recovered): can be tested with PCR from the 7th day of infection if no symptoms occur 48 hours before. (CT values ≥ 30 are considered a negative result in the 2nd test).
- For close contacts (KPs), the following applies:
 - In general, according to RKI guidelines, KPs can be cleared by PCR from the 5th day after the last contact or by rapid antigen test (citizen test) from the 7th day, otherwise quarantine period max. 10 days.
Presentation of the negative test result is sufficient for readmission to school.
 - Individuals involved in serial testing (students) may be released from quarantine as early as day 5 via rapid antigen testing (citizen testing).
 - **Currently, quarantine orders are no longer issued for contact persons. The parents are excused for the period in question.**