

Guidance for groups regarding a child/adult showing symptoms of covid 19

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

With children and young people, we appreciate that coughs and colds are quite normal. In deciding if a child's symptoms are covid 19 related, we have found that temperature can be a better indicator than a cough. We have an infrared thermometer which is available to use on request.

We would also encourage that both children and adults coming to Min y Don should take a lateral flow test, the day before the arrival of the group.

If a child has symptoms of Covid 19 they should isolate and a Lateral Flow test be taken. If the results of the LFT test are negative, then the child can return to the group. Should the child continue to display symptoms of Covid 19 the following day, another LFT should be taken. If any results of a LFT are positive, arrangements should be made for the child to go home*

On the result of a positive LFT test, the children who were sharing a room with the isolating child should be separated from the whole group and take a lateral flow test. If the LFT test is negative, then the child can return to the group.

If the LFT test is positive, then the child will need to isolate and go home* and follow current isolation guidance. If there are 4 or more positive LFT's then the whole school group need to leave the Centre*.

If an adult reports that they have symptoms of Covid 19 they should isolate and a Lateral Flow test be taken. If the results of the LFT test are negative, then they can return to the group. If the result is positive then the adult should make arrangements to go home*. All other adults in the group are close contacts. Unvaccinated adults in the group should Isolate and make arrangements to go home* and follow current isolation guidance. Vaccinated adults should take a LTF. If there is a positive result, that adult will have to isolate and make arrangements to home*. The group organiser will need to make the decision whether the group stays at Min y Don, or arrangements are made for the group to go home.

If there is a total of 4 or more positive LFT's, including those who have tested positive already, in the following days then the whole group will need to leave the Centre*.

We would advise that the school brings at least enough lateral flow tests for the biggest group of children sharing a room, if not enough tests for the whole school group.

In the event that a child or leader or the whole school group has to go home, we would advise that any compensation is sought from the insurance company the group has cover with. Any compensation from Min y Don, will only be considered once the insurance company has been contacted.

*In all cases, those who must leave the Centre, the group organiser will need to arrange transport.

Guidance can be seen at - <https://gov.wales/self-isolation>