

## **Suggested supplement for policies in relation to COVID 19**

**Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)** is an infectious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome. It was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan, China, and has since spread globally, resulting in an ongoing pandemic. As of 27 May 2020, more than 5.59 million cases have been reported across 188 countries and territories, resulting in more than 350,000 deaths.

Common symptoms include fever, cough, fatigue, shortness of breath, and loss of smell and taste. While the majority of cases result in mild symptoms, some progress to acute respiratory distress syndrome. The time from exposure to onset of symptoms is typically around five days but may range from two to fourteen days.

The virus is primarily spread between people during close contact, most often via small droplets produced by coughing, sneezing, and talking. The droplets usually fall to the ground or onto surfaces rather than travelling through air over long distances. Less commonly, people may become infected by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their face. It is most contagious during the first three days after the onset of symptoms, although spread is possible before symptoms appear, and from people who do not show symptoms.

During the application of this policy consideration must be given to the most recent guidance produced by the Welsh Government and Public Health Wales in relation to Covid-19. Any action taken in the application of this policy must not contravene the guidance below:

<https://gov.wales/school-staff-and-their-employment-coronavirus>

<https://gov.wales/health-and-well-being-school-staff-and-learners-coronavirus>

<https://gov.wales/how-schools-will-work-during-coronavirus-pandemic>

<https://gov.wales/work-based-learning-and-apprenticeships-coronavirus>

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-and-childcare-provision>

<https://gov.wales/coronavirus-social-distancing-guidance>

<https://gov.wales/education-coronavirus>

