



Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Case on Campus

Employees and students who test positive for COVID-19 will require a quarantine period. This may extend to employees and students who are symptomatic of COVID-19 or have close contact with someone who is positive or symptomatic for COVID-19. Guidelines around this will likely evolve as we learn more about the virus. The following is what is currently recommended from health professionals.

Confirmed COVID-19 Case

Employees and day students who test positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed on campus and will be required to quarantine for 10 days. Residential students will be confined to the designated isolation area for each campus. Roommates of a confirmed case will be isolated and monitored by medical staff. Access back to campus will require a doctor's note stating the individual is no longer contagious.

Close Contact with a Confirmed COVID-19 Case

Anyone who has been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case needs to self-isolate for a period of 10 days. The WHO defines close contact as the following:

A contact is defined as anyone with the following exposures to a COVID-19 case, from 2 days before to 14 days after the case's onset of illness:

- **Being within 1 metre of a COVID-19 case for >15 minutes;**
- **Direct physical contact with a COVID-19 case**
- **Anyone living in the household**

This would also apply to any close contact outside of school, including immediate family members, household help, and any other extended family members and/or friends.

UWC East Africa's measures at school are structured to purposely limit the amount of close contact any one individual has with another. Areas used by a confirmed COVID-19 case will be closed off for a deep-cleaning. In most cases, closure of campus for a positive case will not be necessary. The decision to close a portion of campus (class, grade level, and/or programme) or all of the campus and move to distance learning will be context-specific and in collaboration with health professionals.

Suspected Case of COVID-19

When an employee or day student appears to be sick, displays symptoms of COVID-19, such as persistent dry cough, high fever, respiratory distress, or shortness of breath the individual will not be allowed on campus. If the individual is already on campus when symptoms present, he/she will be sent home and will need to consult with a medical professional. A residential student who displays these symptoms will be evaluated by the school's medical professionals. Any employee or student who presents COVID-19 symptoms cannot return to class until 48 hours after symptoms end **and** will require a doctor's note to return.

Confounding Variables

Common cold, influenza (flu), and a host of other common illnesses have symptoms similar to COVID-19. Without a confirmed COVID-19 test, it will be virtually impossible to tell the difference between what illness an employee or student has. Currently, children with no comorbidities are not considered high-risk, and therefore testing is limited in this age group, unless significant symptoms develop. With all this in mind, it will likely be difficult for the school to determine which suspected cases are COVID-19 and which are not. We will require parents to inform the school of any confirmed or suspected cases, we will track internally, and we will notify parents of any pertinent developments.