



BRUMMANA HIGH SCHOOL
MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Tracing COVID-19

What does close contact with someone who has COVID-19 mean?

Close contact is someone who was within two metres of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset until the time the patient is isolated.

Why are case investigation and contact tracing important?

For preventing further spread of COVID-19, case investigation and contact tracing are the keys.

Should students/staff report if they have COVID-19?

- Immediate action is needed to stop COVID-19 transmission.
- To support students/staff/parents with suspected or confirmed infection.
- To help them recall everyone with whom they have had close contact during the timeframe.
- To begin contact tracing by warning these exposed individuals (contacts) of their potential exposure as rapidly and sensitively as possible.

Is my case confidential?

To protect student/staff privacy and confidentiality, contacts are only informed that they may have been exposed to a patient with the infection. They are not told the identity of the patient who they may have been exposed to.

How will contacts be supported?

- Contacts are provided with education, information and support to understand their risk, what they should do to separate themselves from others who have not been exposed, monitor themselves for illness, and knowledge of the possibility that they could spread the infection to others even if they themselves do not feel ill.
- Contacts are encouraged to stay home until 14 days after their last exposure - in case they also become ill, they must call their doctor.
- Contacts who develop symptoms should isolate themselves and be followed up by a physician. The medical team should be notified about the contact's progressive medical condition.