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COVID-19 testing for children attending sports/holiday clubs

As we learn to live with COVID-19 we are continually reviewing our testing requirements in order to make sure that they are proportionate.

Currently any young person who has travelled outside of the Bailiwick in the previous 14 days must have a Covid-19 test to confirm a negative result within the 48 hours before they return to an education setting, even if they have travelled through the “blue channel”. An education setting includes any early year’s provider (for example pre-schools, nursery or childminder), school or college, holiday clubs and sports clubs.

Having reviewed the current testing and isolation requirements, Public Health has determined that for children and young people, a return to education setting COVID-19 test **WILL NOT** be required for those solely attending outdoor/events and activities.

This change comes into effect immediately.

The requirement for testing also extends to adults who help with activities in education settings or sport/holiday clubs and have travelled off island in the 14 days prior to attendance. Please note this is for all adults, irrespective of vaccination status, due to the need to take a responsible approach when coming into contact with groups of young people.

Parents or carers who have travelled outside of the Bailiwick within the previous 14 days are not required to have a test if they are attending an educational setting purely for the purposes of collecting or dropping off a young person, although they should continue to respect physical distance from other children and young people during the short time that they will be on-site.

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