Information for parents in the Canton of Vaud – Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Information update

This page dedicated to training centres, schools and collective pre-school and extra-curricular day care institutions is updated to reflect the changing situation.

What measures have been taken at the Vaud-based training centres? Have any precautions been taken?

A coordination and follow-up unit has been deployed within the Department of Education, Youth and Culture (DFJC) to follow up on the status of the situation and anticipate the various possible scenarios, acting in close collaboration with the Cantonal Physician and the Department of Health. At this stage, there are no particular measures to be taken: classes are held as usual, but the status of the situation could change. If this happens, the usual communication channels will be used, including bulletins distributed to students, as well as letters, emails and telephone calls.

This page will also be updated.

What are the recommendations to be followed in a Vaud-based education or training centre?

We remind all the Vaud-based education and training centre students and personnel of the basic recommendations, specifically that:

- hands must be washed regularly with soap and water or with a hand disinfectant;
- handshakes must be avoided;
- people should cough and sneeze into a handkerchief or into the crook of their elbow;
- that, in the presence of symptoms (fever, cough, respiratory difficulties), the adult or child in question should stay at home and call his or her family doctor. In such a case, the patient should inform the doctor whether he or she is returning from northern Italy, China or another country where numerous cases have been reported (South Korea, Iran, etc.). The family doctor will decide whether it is advisable for the adult or child to attend the education or training centre.

This list is subject to update at all times. The patient may return to the education or training centre only after complete recovery.
Will class trips within Switzerland proceed as planned?

No restrictions on trips within Switzerland have been announced for the moment, either by the Federal Office of Public Health (OFSP) or the Cantonal Physician. These excursions will therefore proceed as planned.

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Will planned trips abroad be cancelled?

The head of the DFJC decided on 28 February 2020 to cancel all study trips, camping excursions and other school outings abroad from that date until the Easter holidays.

Given the present situation, the conditions for an educational trip are no longer met: very limited cultural offerings, public transport systems not necessarily guaranteed, risks of being stranded on the spot, etc.

What happens to a staff member or student returning from a quarantine zone or area at risk?

A student, teacher or any other person returning from a quarantine zone must notify his or her family doctor and stay in quarantine for 14 days, whether or not symptoms are present.

A student, teacher or any other person returning from an affected country but not from a quarantine zone may continue to attend the education or training centre, but should attentively monitor his or her state of health (taking his or her temperature twice a day). In case of symptoms (fever, cough, respiratory difficulties), the adult or child in question should stay at home and call his or her family doctor.

What happens if a case of illness is declared within one of the education or training establishments?

Measures will be taken by the Department, the director of the establishment, and the health authorities. Precise information will be immediately provided to the students, parents and staff of the Department through the usual communication channels, including bulletins distributed to students, as well as letters, emails and telephone calls.

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To learn more

OFSP recommendations updated in real time and the coronavirus info line: +41 58 463 00 00 (every day, 24 hours a day)

Cantonal Hotline dedicated to answering all questions from the population related to the coronavirus: 0800 316 800 (every day, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

Address to reach the “Hotline and information on the coronavirus” page: vd.ch/coronavirus