



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN WHEN A LEARNER MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

- All close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 cases are required to **quarantine in their homes for 14 days** while being monitored for symptoms. They may not attend school.
- Learners who are not in close contact of a confirmed case should attend school. Family and friends who have not had close contact with the confirmed case do not need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities such as reporting to school or work, unless they begin to develop symptoms.
- All case contacts who become symptomatic will be immediately tested by health authorities for COVID-19 and if they test positive for COVID-19, active contact tracing and self-quarantine of all contacts will be implemented.

NB. *Keeping learners at home or closing schools is a serious decision which may restrict the learners' ability to acquire education, amongst other considerations. The decision to direct learners to stay at home, because of possible exposure to, or infection with COVID-19 should be justified by the available scientific evidence and must be directed by the accountable health authorities.*