Communication from the APEEEL2 Health & Safety Committee

on 03/02/22

The COVID crisis is intensifying with the new omicron variant and there has been a big rise in cases at our school over the past few weeks. The Parents' Association and the School are working hard together to make sure kids, teachers and staff are as safe as possible.

Testing strategy

In line with the new testing strategy in place in Luxembourg, we want to emphasize our school is asking parents to fill a new consent form to be able to test their child at school, in particular on a daily basis when a positive case is declared in a class.
We have been made aware that some of the tests done at school are invalid or had to be done twice. The school confirmed that a positive test does not need to be done a second time. However, invalid tests need to be repeated. If you have comments to share about this, please, do not hesitate to contact us.

Continuity of education

More and more pupils are at home. We want to make sure that all pupils in quarantine can benefit from a continuity of education. Please feel free to report to us any practical examples where it appears that distance schooling via TEAMS is not implemented as the school assured us that granting distance learning is their priority. Please also note that many teachers are at home with Covid so distance learning is not always possible. It can also be implemented in various forms depending on the pupil's cycle.

Information to teachers

It is also important that we make sure nursery and primary teachers know about positive cases. In some situations, the teachers can't be informed by the school or by national authorities because teachers usually are not considered close contact cases even if they have had close contact with a positive case at school. We encourage parents to talk to each other when you know about positive COVID cases and to report your kids' positive results to nursery and primary teachers, just in cases the teachers have not been informed yet.

Sanitary measures

Please continue to make sure pupils bring well-adjusted masks to school every day and wear them properly. We are talking with the school each week in order to improve the safety situation at school, fix windows that are not offering adequate

ventilation, ensure proper distancing in crowded classrooms and hallways, and make it safe to eat in the cafeteria.
Our school is crowded and is not supplied with the same safety features, such as air sensors and adequate space for social distancing, that exist at Luxembourg state schools, so some extra precautions need to be taken at the European Schools to ensure we have a safe environment during this pandemic.

Pupils' absences

We are working with the School to see if the standard rules on absences can be modified during the COVID crisis or any illness or signs of sickness. If you have a doubt about a Covid infection and prefer to keep your child at home, please don't forget to inform the concerned pedagogical secretariat about the absence.

Useful links

- http://www.eel2.eu/fr/page/covid-19 (School FAQ about Covid)
- Nouveau formulaire de consentement à partir du 24/01 - New consent form as from 24/01 (School consent form)
- https://www.apeeel2.lu/secondary-school-management-meeting-24-01-22-feedback/ (Continuity of education in secondary for pupils at home)
- https://www.apeeel2.lu/school-admin-board-25-01-22-feedback/ (certification of the rapid tests done at school)

If you have questions, please feel free to write our health working group at healthandsafety@apeeel2.lu.

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