

COVID-19 RISK MANAGEMENT AT HAUT-LAC

Whilst every effort is being made to ensure that the students' time in school passes in the best possible conditions, **the Haut-Lac administration also counts on parents and staff to maintain sensible precautions outside of school hours**, thus avoiding unnecessary risk factors that might compromise friends and colleagues.

With regard to the management of potential risk relating to suspected infections in the community, **the school is obliged to follow the instructions and advice issued by the Cantonal Doctor's Office**. The following are possible scenarios:

1. **Track and trace:** Families or staff members who are informed that they may have been in contact with an external source of the infection, and have been advised to temporarily quarantine or self-isolate, should follow the procedures sent to them directly by the authorities. The school will not be asked by the authorities to implement any supplementary measures in this scenario.
2. **Testing:** Families or staff members who are advised to undergo testing by their doctor due to feeling unwell and/or suspected infection will be informed personally of the outcome by the testing centre and instructed by the medical authorities on additional precautions or treatment. Due to legally imposed privacy considerations, the community cannot be informed as a matter of course. However, in the event of a positive result, the medical authorities will also contact the school and inform the management of the required next steps.
3. **Isolation and quarantine:** It may become necessary, if a student or a member of staff is instructed to isolate, to also recommend quarantining of the immediate contacts of that individual. In this case, any communication issued by the school will include the directives received from the cantonal medical authorities, and also inform parents of the arrangements put in place to ensure the continuation of lessons. Haut-Lac staff are prepared to commence distance learning at short notice for the groups of students concerned should such a situation arise.

[Click [here](#) and [here](#) to download the two advisory booklets have been issued by the Cantonal Doctor's Office (OMC) to assist families who are having to deal with isolation or quarantine.]
4. **School closure:** Unfortunately, in the face of the current development of Covid-19 infections locally, nationally and internationally, this scenario cannot be excluded. Haut-Lac has plans in place to quickly and efficiently close down the school if told to so by the authorities, as was the case in March, and to commence distance learning for all classes at short notice. Much experience has been gained over the past few months, and teachers received additional pedagogical and IT training before the start of term.

Parents are requested to refer regularly to the official sites for latest updates, and seek the advice of their family doctor for individual cases. Questions directed to backtoschool@haut-lac.ch will be forwarded to the competent member of the team for reply.

Usefull links :

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov.html>

<https://www.vd.ch/toutes-les-actualites/hotline-et-informations-sur-le-coronavirus/>

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