

TESTING, ISOLATING AND QUARANTINE FOR SCHOOL AND OSHC SETTINGS

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IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 THEY MUST NOTIFY THE SCHOOL AND/OR OSHC AND ISOLATE FOR 7 DAYS.

CONTACT DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Student



Students attending the site and undertaking learning activities

Teacher or school services officer in classroom settings



People working in classroom and/or OSHC settings (teachers, AEWs, SSOs)

Student support in 1:1 settings



People working 1:1 with students (eg SSOs, disability support, allied health workers)

Ancillary staff and contractors



Administrative positions with limited student/child contact, ground keeping etc.

STUDENTS ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF:

- they shared a classroom or interacted with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, ancillary staff or student)

Parents will be informed if there has been a positive case of COVID-19 (by year level) by the school and/or OSHC.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:

- students (aside from the positive case/s) will be encouraged to continue attending school. If a student has symptoms, they must not attend school and get tested as soon as possible

YOU ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF:

- you shared a classroom with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, staff member or student)

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

- rapid antigen 'test to stay' on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and attend work if you receive a negative result (or staff can continue to test daily over the 7 day period if preferred)

YOU ARE A CLASSROOM CONTACT IF:

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A STUDENT IS A CLOSE CONTACT IF:

- they were supported by an SSO or teacher who has tested positive for COVID-19, for a cumulative period of 4 hours, indoors, in close physical proximity and face masks were not able to be worn.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:

- undertake 5 rapid antigen tests over a 7-day period following exposure*^

YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT IF:

- you spend a cumulative period of 4 hours indoors, in close physical proximity and not wearing a mask with another adult who has tested positive for COVID-19

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

- undertake 5 rapid antigen tests over a 7-day period following exposure*^

YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT IF:

- you supported a student or child who has tested positive for COVID-19, for a cumulative period of 4 hours, indoors, in close physical proximity and face masks were not able to be worn
- you spent a cumulative period of 4 hours indoors, in close physical proximity and not wearing a mask with another adult who has tested positive for COVID-19

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YOU ARE A CLOSE CONTACT IF:

- you spend a cumulative period of 4 hours indoors, in close physical proximity and not wearing a mask with another adult who has tested positive for COVID-19

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

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Leaders and managers should apply a pragmatic approach to managing who is or is not a close contact when following the testing, isolating and quarantine (TIQ) process.



STAFF OR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED TO UNDERTAKE PCR TESTING OR WHERE THEIR SCHOOL/CLASS/ROOM/YEAR LEVEL HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED AS A CIRCUIT BREAKER IN THE PAST WEEK, SA HEALTH ADVICE IS TO DO THE FOLLOWING FOR 7 DAYS:

- avoid attending OSHC and extra-curricular activities, excursions and camps
- avoid high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events

- wear a surgical mask around others (where age appropriate) and outside your home
- avoid working across worksites unless an approved risk management plan is in place (eg rapid antigen testing)
- avoid contact with vulnerable people outside of your workplace or family, where possible
- avoid non-essential activities where possible (eg where there are lots of people, inside, in close contact)
- avoid shared spaces and maintain physical distance.

*Students and staff who are a close contact cannot attend an overnight camp during the 7-day period following exposure.

^People who have recovered from COVID-19 will not be considered a close contact for 12 weeks after their release from isolation. After 12 weeks, you will still be considered a close contact if you are exposed to COVID-19 and meet the close contact definition.