



Dear Parents and Carers,

This communication note is to assist with clearing up some of the confusion regarding the isolation rules for when and if your child and/or family are exposed to COVID-19. The information provided has been summarised from the latest Health Department website guidelines as of Feb 2. The following scenarios should clarify what to do in situations of household exposure to COVID-19. Please use the link below for further information and to check ongoing currency.

[Information for people exposed to COVID-19 | NSW Government](#)

### **Scenario 1**

#### **Your child tests positive after completing a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) or PCR test**

- Record the positive RAT result through the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#).
- Notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible.
- Follow the [NSW Health advice](#) to isolate for 7 days.
- Use a RAT on Day 6. If negative your child can return to school after 7 days. If your child tests positive, their isolation will need to continue.
- It is recommended that your child does not participate in RAT monitoring for 28 days after recovery as they will have a low risk of contracting COVID-19 again at this time.

### **Scenario 2**

#### **A member of the family tests positive to COVID 19**

- This means your child is considered a household contact and they must follow the health isolation guidelines.
- Your child must isolate for 7 days from the time the first COVID positive person in your household had their test.
- Contact the school as soon as possible and your child will be recorded as flexible attendance on the roll.
- Your child will need to have a RAT as soon as possible. If the test is negative and no symptoms occur a further RAT will need to occur on Day 6. If this is negative your child can return to school after the 7 days. If your child tests positive, the processes of Scenario 1 will need to be followed.

### **Scenario 3**

#### **Your child is isolating due to a positive family member and another member becomes positive**

- Your child must isolate for 7 days from the time the first COVID positive person in your household had their test.
- Contact the school as soon as possible and your child will be recorded as flexible attendance on the roll.
- Your child will need to have a RAT as soon as possible. If the test is negative and no symptoms occur a further RAT will need to occur on Day 6. If this is negative your child can return to school after the 7 days. If your child tests positive, the processes of Scenario 1 will need to be followed.
- If another or other members of the household become unwell and are COVID positive, your child follows the 7-day isolation period from the first COVID positive person.
- Please note if your child remains COVID negative from isolating 7 days due to the first positive case in the household, they may return to school. They do not restart the isolation period after each person of the household becomes positive.

I hope the above scenarios are of assistance in clearing up some of the confusion and clarify the processes regarding attendance at this time. If you need any further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Regards

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