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Dear parents/caregiver,

Over the last two weeks we have been notified of 16 student positive cases. I sincerely thank the parents for their timely communications around their child's illness. In each instance families of students considered classroom contacts have been notified and informed as soon as possible of explicit guidelines to follow. Parents have also been extremely diligent informing us when they are isolating due to being considered a household contact. We have had over 50 families following SA Health guidelines due to cases within their immediate family. This information has also been imperative to ensure correct communications can be accurately disseminated in a timely manner.

To further assist us when communicating to the school of your child's positive case please include the following information:

1. When did you first notice symptoms and what were the symptoms experienced?
2. When was a RAT/PCR conducted?
3. Have other family members (who reside with you) tested positive?

Many positive case parents have been quite perplexed on how COVID-19 has initially presented within their family. We have had students with mild rashes, tummy pains, etc. turn out to be positive. The majority of students presenting to our sick bay are now being sent home until COVID has been ruled out. Please again make yourself familiar with the following symptoms and please do not send unwell children to school.

COVID symptoms

- Loss of appetite
- Chills or night sweats
- Cough/sore throat
- Tiredness (fatigue)
- Difficulty breathing
- Headache
- Muscle pain (myalgia)
- Loss of sense of smell (anosmia)
- Distortion of sense of taste (dysgeusia)
- Nausea and vomiting
- Joint pain

Further information can be found at <https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/> along with the Testing, Isolating and Quarantine for School Settings infographic (page 2) previously communicated out.

Again I sincerely thank you all for your diligence in supporting the school to keep everyone safe.

Warmest regards

Karen Duval
Principal

TESTING, ISOLATING AND QUARANTINE FOR SCHOOL SETTINGS

IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 THEY MUST NOTIFY THE SCHOOL AND ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS.

CONTACT DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Student



Students attending the site and undertaking learning activities

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 there has been a positive case of COVID-19 by the school.
- STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:**
- if the student has symptoms, they must not attend school and get tested as soon as possible
 - students (aside from the positive case/s) will be encouraged to continue attending school if they don't have any symptoms
 - student attendance at OSHC should be avoided where possible for 7 days
 - students should avoid attending school related extra-curricular activities for 7 days (such as camps, excursions, interschool sport, combined choir etc).

A STUDENT IS AN SSO 1:1 CLOSE CONTACT IF:

- they were helped 1:1 by an SSO or teacher who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes and face masks were not able to be worn.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:

- 7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' to return to school. If the student is unable to test, they must quarantine for 7 days.

Teacher or school services officer in classroom settings



People working in classroom settings (teachers, AEWs, SSOs)

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:

- 7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' and attend work if you receive a negative result

YOU ARE A WORKPLACE CLOSE CONTACT IF:

- you spend more than 15 minutes indoors, in close proximity and not wearing a mask with another adult who has tested positive for COVID-19*

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

- 7 days quarantine (as per standard community requirement)

**All education staff are required to wear a mask when indoors (except if it's impeding your ability to communicate while teaching). Workplace contacts should be minimal.*

Student support in 1:1 settings



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

YOU ARE AN SSO 1:1 CONTACT IF:

- you supported a student or child 1:1, who has tested positive for COVID-19 indoors, in close proximity and face masks were not able to be worn

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

- 7 days quarantine (as per standard community requirement)*

**in the event that a 1:1 SSO is considered of critical importance to the wellbeing of certain students, work permissions with RAT 'test to stay' will be considered on an individual basis by the site leader.*

YOU ARE A WORKPLACE CLOSE CONTACT IF:

- you spend more than 15 minutes indoors, in close proximity and not wearing a mask with another adult who has tested positive for COVID-19*

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

- 7 days quarantine (as per standard community requirement)

**All education staff are required to wear a mask when indoors (except if it's impeding your ability to communicate while teaching). Workplace contacts should be minimal.*

Ancillary staff and contractors



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

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

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

- 7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' and attend work in a classroom if you receive a negative result

YOU ARE A WORKPLACE CLOSE CONTACT IF:

- you spend more than 15 minutes indoors, in close proximity and not wearing a mask with another adult who has tested positive for COVID-19*

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:

- 7 days quarantine (as per standard community requirement)

**All education staff are required to wear a mask when indoors (except if it's impeding your ability to communicate while teaching). Workplace contacts should be minimal.*

HOUSEHOLD CONTACT REQUIREMENTS

If a staff member or student tests positive to COVID-19, all people who live in that household must quarantine for 7 days (or 14 days if the household cannot separate).



CLASSROOM CONTACT ADVICE

The Chief Public Health Officer advises it's good practice for classroom contacts to do the following to minimise risk to others, when outside of the school, preschool or early childhood education and care setting:

- avoiding high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events
- wearing 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)
- avoiding contact with vulnerable people outside of your workplace or family, where possible
- avoiding non-essential activities where possible (eg where there are lots of people, inside, in close contact)
- avoiding shared spaces and maintain physical distance.