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Dear parents/caregiver

SA Health and the Department for Education has provided guidance on how to manage cases of COVID-19 in schools, preschools and early childhood education and care (ECEC) centres.

New contract tracing and close contact arrangements in education will take effect from 31 January 2022.

These new arrangements recognise the importance of providing quality education and care for our students and staff while minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Essentially it needs to be noted that schools will remain open if there is a case of COVID-19 under the new arrangements.

It's very important that you notify us immediately if your child tests positive to COVID-19. This information will be handled with the utmost confidentiality.

If a student or teacher in your child's class tests positive for COVID-19, they will be deemed a classroom contact and the following will occur:

- We will notify all parents in the class that a positive case has occurred
- All students without symptoms can continue attending. No rapid antigen testing will be required.
- If your child develops any symptoms (even mild) they must not attend school and get a COVID-19 test.

Any student who has worked 1:1 with a COVID positive staff member (more than 15minutes, indoors, in close proximity and where face masks are not able to be worn) will be asked to complete 7 days of rapid antigen testing ('test to stay') each morning before attending school. We will provide you with the testing kits at no charge. Students that test positive must not attend school.

Alternatively, if you don't want your child to complete the 7-day testing, they can quarantine for 7 days. The Department for Education is developing online learning resources for students in Foundation to year 10 that can be completed during quarantine.

The Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) has recommended that classroom contacts should avoid the following between days 1 to 7 of exposure:

- attendance at OSHC where possible
- attending extra-curricular-based activities for 7 days (such as camps, excursions, interschool sport, combined choir etc. – noting most of these activities have been temporarily suspended until week 4).

The CPHO advises classroom contacts should do the following to minimise risk to others, when outside of the school, preschool or ECEC setting between days 1 to 14 of exposure:

- avoid high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events
- wear a surgical mask around others (where age appropriate) and outside your home
- 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.

Our staff will also undergo 7 days of rapid antigen testing (test to stay) in the event that they are in a classroom with a student or colleague who tests positive.

It's vitally important that you please keep your child/ren home if they are:

- unwell or experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms
- any other member of the household has COVID-19
- they are a close contact for a person who has COVID-19 and are required to quarantine.

Please let your child (if in years 3 to 6) know that they will be required to wear a face mask while indoors at school. We will have supplies (including child sizes) for them to wear if they don't already have one.

These new settings will be in place until the end of week 4 of term 1. However, with the rapidly changing nature of the pandemic, this may be reviewed or changed if and when needed. As always, we must remain flexible and responsive.

I understand you may have a lot of questions about this information. We'll continue to provide you information as soon as we have it.

Thank you for your understanding and support in implementing these temporary measures as we continue to adjust to this rapidly changing pandemic.

Warmest regards, stay safe.



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			
<p>Student</p> <p><small>Students attending the site and undertaking learning activities</small></p> 	<p>Teacher or school services officer in classroom settings</p> <p><small>People working in classroom settings (teachers, AEWs, SSOs)</small></p> 	<p>Student support in 1:1 settings</p> <p><small>People working 1:1 with students (eg SSOs, disability support, allied health workers)</small></p> 	<p>Ancillary staff and contractors</p> <p><small>Administrative positions with limited student/child contact, ground keeping etc.</small></p> 
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> they shared a classroom or interacted with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, ancillary staff or student) <p><small>Parents will be informed there has been a positive case of COVID-19 by the school.</small></p> <p>STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you shared a classroom with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, staff member or student) <p>YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' and attend work if you receive a negative result 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 days quarantine (as per standard community requirement)* <p><small>*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.</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you shared a classroom with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (teacher, SSO, staff member or student) <p>YOU ARE REQUIRED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' and attend work in a classroom if you receive a negative result
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 days rapid antigen 'test to stay' to return to school. If the student is unable to test, they must quarantine for 7 days. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you spend more than 15 minutes indoors, in close proximity and not wearing a mask <u>with another adult</u> who has tested positive for COVID-19* <p><small>*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.</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you spend more than 15 minutes indoors, in close proximity and not wearing a mask <u>with another adult</u> who has tested positive for COVID-19* <p><small>*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.</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you spend more than 15 minutes indoors, in close proximity and not wearing a mask <u>with another adult</u> who has tested positive for COVID-19* <p><small>*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.</small></p>

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.