



Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) Isolation Information for Students and Families

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are being used to help keep our school safe and support continued face to face learning. Please only use test for the students they have been provided for. If symptomatic, all students must stay/return home, take a rapid antigen test, or get a PCR test.

RATs are recommended for use twice a week. We suggest the following schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	Test Morning or night before		Test		
Week 4	Test Morning or night before		Test		Test

This is a guide only and students should also use a test if they are experiencing symptoms.

Please note symptoms can be mild – such as a sore throat or headache.

Positive lines on a RAT are often faint, this still means positive. Seek a PCR if you are unsure.

If you receive a positive test result – contact the attendance Officer 5021 2911 (opt 1)

If students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report> or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398. Information about how to do a test, including a how-to video translated into 33 languages, through this link [available online](#) (see email for active links)

Scenario	Required actions for the student/family
A student tests positive to COVID-19, either through RA test or PCR test	<p>Isolate at home or in private accommodation for 7 days (inclusive of weekends) and do not attend school during this period. Inform the school, that they have tested positive to COVID-19- – contact the attendance Officer on 50212 911 (opt 1)</p> <p>A negative test is not required to return to school following completion of 7 days of isolation.</p> <p>Follow the Checklist for COVID cases.</p>
<p>A student is a household contact or house-like contact.</p> <p><i>You have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation, or care facility.</i></p> <p><i>Contact at school is not included in this definition.</i></p>	<p>Notify the school that they are a household or household-like contact. – contact the attendance Officer on 5021 2911 (opt 1)</p> <p>Follow the Checklist for COVID contacts.</p> <p>Students must quarantine for 7 days (inclusive of weekends) and must not attend school during this period.</p>
A student has been in contact with a case of COVID-19, including at school or at work.	<p>If asymptomatic, students should continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms – follow regular testing</p> <p>If symptomatic, all students/staff must stay/return home, take a rapid antigen test, or get a PCR test if a rapid antigen testing kit is unavailable.</p> <p>On receipt of a negative test result, and if well enough, the student can return to school.</p> <p>If students are too unwell to attend school, usual leave/absence policies apply – contact the attendance Officer 5021 2911 opt 1</p> <p>Follow the Checklist for COVID contacts.</p>

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