

Dear parents and carers,

COVID-19 isolation rules have changed

As we start term 4, we continue to see the easing of public health measures that have been a feature of our lives for the last two years.

It is no longer mandatory, under law, to isolate if you test positive to COVID-19, but ACT Health advises that you should still stay at home and take steps to protect those around you.

If your child tests positive to COVID-19

You **must tell the school if your child is diagnosed with COVID-19**. This is a requirement under ACT Education Directorate procedures for the management of infectious diseases. Telling us when your child has COVID-19 will also help us track if there is an increase in COVID-19 transmission at school and manage any high-risk exposures for our more vulnerable school community members.

As with other infectious diseases, students with COVID-19 symptoms (including runny nose, sore throat, cough, fever) should get tested and **must not attend school while they are unwell**.

The ACT Education Directorate strongly recommends parents and carers keep their child home for at least five days if they have COVID-19.

You are at higher risk of getting COVID-19 if you live with someone who has COVID-19. ACT Health recommends some simple steps you can take to reduce the risk to others, including monitoring for symptoms, wearing a mask indoors and regular testing.

Rapid antigen tests

You can access a free rapid antigen test (RAT) from the school's front office.

If you test positive on a RAT you must register your result with ACT Health using the [online declaration form](#). Registering your positive result is still required under the Public Health Direction, so that ACT Health can help you can access health information and other support.

Staying COVID Smart

While COVID-19 public health measures have eased, the risks associated with COVID-19 transmission remain.

The best way to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to follow ACT Health's recommendations:

- Stay home if you're unwell and get tested for COVID-19
- Stay up to date with your vaccinations
- Wear a mask on public transport and when in public indoors places if you can
- Practise good hand and respiratory hygiene
- Physically distance from others when in public places.

For the latest COVID-19 advice please visit the [ACT's COVID-19 website](#). More information about COVID Smart public schools is available on the [ACT Education website](#).

Regards,

Principal