

# Shaping the future

# **School-based close contact in a high caseload environment** Testing and isolation advice for schools

### **Close contact definitions in schools**

#### Face-to-face

At least 15 minutes faceto-face contact where a mask was not worn by the exposed person and the person with COVID-19. **Small indoor space/classroom/no mask** Greater than two hours within a small indoor space or classroom environment, where masks have been removed for this period by the exposed person and the person with COVID-19 (note: others wearing masks in this scenario would not be a contact). Advised by WA Health Someone who is directed by WA Health that they are a close contact.

### **Confirmed positive case**

# Notify your school and isolate for a minimum of 7 days.

- At Day 7, if symptoms are present remain in isolation until symptoms clear.
- If no symptoms after Day 7, leave isolation and no testing is required.



#### Notify your school. Quarantine for a full 7 days from the last date of contact with positive case; and take a PCR test or a RAT on Day 1 or as soon as possible:

- if positive refer to Confirmed positive case
- if negative PCR, continue to quarantine
- if negative RAT, continue to quarantine and take RAT in 24 hours
  - if RAT positive refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.\*
  - if RAT negative continue to quarantine.

#### Take a PCR test on Day 6 or a RAT on Day 7:

- if positive refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.\*
- if negative and no new household members have tested positive – quarantine ends after Day 7, and people should monitor for symptoms.

# \*Report your positive RAT to WA Health at

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister

## Asymptomatic close contact

Notify your school. Quarantine for a full 7 days from the last date of contact with positive case; and take a PCR test or a RAT on Day 1 or as soon as possible:

- if positive refer to Confirmed positive case
- if negative PCR, continue to quarantine
- if negative RAT, continue to quarantine and take RAT in 24 hours
  - if RAT positive refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.\*
  - if RAT negative continue to quarantine.

#### Take a PCR test on Day 6 or a RAT on Day 7:

- if positive refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.\*
- if negative and no new household members have tested positive – quarantine ends after Day 7, and people should monitor for symptoms.

If symptoms develop, refer to Symptomatic close contact.

### Symptomatic (not a close contact)

# Get a PCR test immediately and isolate until the result is returned:

- if positive, refer to Confirmed positive case
- if negative, not required to isolate but should stay home where possible until symptoms clear.

#### If you take a RAT because a PCR test is unavailable:

- if positive, refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.\*
- if negative, continue to isolate and repeat RAT in 24 hours - if negative after this follow-up test, you are not required to isolate but should stay home until symptoms clear.

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