



# MERREDIN COLLEGE

A Wheatbelt Independent Public School

## COVID Update 7

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Dear parents and carers

As you may be aware, WA Health has updated the rules for close contacts of COVID-19 cases linked to schools, based on public health advice.

Effective immediately, household members are no longer required to quarantine with a child who is identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case.

We understand that a parent or carer may still need to stay home to care for a child quarantining, but the rest of the household, including siblings who have not been identified as close contacts, are not required to stay home.

As a household member of a close contact, it is important to take extra precautions, where possible, including:

- minimise physical contact with the close contact
- sleep separately from the close contact
- use a separate bathroom from the close contact if possible
- wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- cover coughs and sneezes
- Regularly clean all surfaces (such as tabletops, doorknobs and bathroom fixtures) by using household disinfectant or diluted bleach solution
- wear a mask in shared areas or when caring for other members of the household.

It is important that members of the household monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and if symptoms develop, get tested immediately. If a person living in the house tests positive to COVID-19, all household members are deemed close contacts and must self-isolate.

Kind regards

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*learning close to home*

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