



## COVID Updates End of Term 3

### Rapid antigen testing

The Victorian Government is providing further deliveries of rapid antigen tests in Term 4 to schools. It is recommended that rapid antigen tests are used by students and staff when symptomatic.

Household contacts are required to test negative using a rapid antigen test on at least 5 out of 7 days if they are attending or working at a school onsite.

If staff or students receive a positive test result at any time, they must report this through the Department of Health system (Rapid antigen tests | Coronavirus Victoria) or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398.

**Any student or staff member who tests positive to COVID-19 must now isolate for a minimum of 5 instead of 7 days.**

If they are asymptomatic, they may return to school on day 6.

If they are symptomatic, they must remain in isolation until day 7.

If they have symptoms after 7 days, they are strongly advised to stay home until their symptoms have resolved.

As an additional risk mitigation, the Department of Health strongly recommends that you wear a face mask away from home indoors and outdoors when you cannot physically distance. If you are leaving isolation on day 6, wear a mask for 5 days but particularly the first 2 days. If you are leaving isolation on day 7, wear a mask for 4 days but particularly first 2 days. Consider taking rapid antigen tests before attending a workplace, including schools, sensitive settings or visiting people at higher risk of severe illness. If you are positive, stay home.

### Face masks

It is recommended by the Department of Health that face masks are worn in indoor settings or outside where physical distancing is not possible.

Household contacts attending school who are over 8 years of age are required to wear face masks indoors unless they have a valid exception.

Current advice from the Victorian government is available at:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>

Everyone including students aged 8 years and above must wear a face mask when travelling on public transport, taxis or rideshare vehicles.