

What if my child tests positive?

What if my child tests positive on a Rapid Antigen

Test? <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases>

- **Step 1:** Focus on their health and get help if required
- **Step 2:** Report your result and isolate immediately for 7 days

Via the Department of Health Reporting System

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report> or via phone on 1800 675 398

Report via the School Online Portal system (you will need to register)

<https://covidtest.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

Contact the school via phone or email

Phone – 5256 1411

Email – surfside.ps@education.vic.gov.au or peter.walsh@education.vic.gov.au

Report your absence on Compass (this is a legal requirement of parents)

- **Step 3:** Your household contacts are required to isolate for 7 days as close contacts, undertake a rapid antigen test and continue to monitor for symptoms
- **Step 4:** Tell your social contacts to monitor for symptoms and get tested if symptoms develop
- **Step 5:** You will receive a text from Department of Health regarding your isolation release date. If your child is still displaying symptoms please do not leave isolation until you have sought medical advice.

What if my child is a close contact? (This means that the child has spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house, accommodation or care facility)

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts>

- **Step 1:** Quarantine at home for 7 days – you must immediately quarantine at your home for 7 days.

-If you are staying in the same home as the person who tested positive your quarantine period starts from the date they got tested for 7 days.

-If you are not staying in the same home as the person your quarantine period starts from the day you last saw them for 7 days.

-During the isolation period what happens if another household member tests positive at a later date? You complete your required 7 day quarantine and if you test negative on day 6 you can leave that quarantine – you are not required to quarantine for a further period of time. Continue to monitor for symptoms and if you test positive your quarantine period will start again.

- **Step 2: Get tested as soon as possible or when you have symptoms**
- **Step 3: Get another test on Day 6 of quarantine period to be released**

What if I am a social or educational contact?

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts>

The school will communicate each day with the school community and the following will be communicated:

Classes that have identified as an educational contact in that day due to a student or staff positive test. This information will be communicated to all families. If your child is identified as an educational contact you are to do the following:

- **Step 1:** Monitor for symptoms as you have been identified as a person who has spent time with a confirmed case while they were infectious with COVID-19
- **Step 2:** If you have or develop symptoms you must use a Rapid Antigen Test, or get a PCR test if you can't access a Rapid Antigen Test
- **Step 3:** If you don't have symptoms, you are strongly recommended to use a Rapid Antigen Test daily for 5 days

- **Step 4:** If you test negative resume your normal activities and continue to monitor for symptoms

Thank you for taking the time to read through this information and please use it as a step by step tool to assist you at any time. If you or your family have any questions or require further support please feel free to make contact.

If your child is unable to attend day 1 or throughout the week due to a current isolation period of a positive case or being a household contact please take the above actions prior to day 1.

The following link is a visual resource that might support students who require extra support with processing information via a visual tool

- <https://www.autismspectrum.org.au/uploads/documents/Communications/News/Visual-Schedules-RAT.pdf>.

We wish you all a safe and healthy return to school and are here to support our school community. At all times for the most up to date supports and advice please visit the **Department of Health Coronavirus Support Page** - <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

Regards,

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Principal