



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.

Symptomatic close contact

Notify your school, isolate for 7 days from date of contact with positive case, and:

Take a PCR or RAT test as soon as symptoms develop:

- If positive, refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
- If negative stay in isolation, and if you used a RAT, take a second RAT in 24 hours and remain in isolation.
 - If then positive, refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
 - If negative and no new household members have tested positive - take a RAT again on Day 7, before ending isolation if a negative result is returned.

Asymptomatic close contact

Notify your school, isolate for 7 days from date of contact with positive case:

Take a PCR or RAT test as soon as symptoms develop:

- If symptoms develop, refer to **Symptomatic close contact**.
- If still asymptomatic, take 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 - self-isolation ends after Day 7, and people should monitor for symptoms.

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.

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.

* Report your positive RAT to WA Health at www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister

