



## COVID-19 UPDATE MAY 2022

There are many resources available from [Healthy WA](#) and the [Western Australian Government](#) to assist the public with the [management](#) of COVID-19 however it can be a little confusing so we have put together a quick guide for parents to use.

### What is a close contact:

- You are a close contact if a household member tests positive.
- You had close personal interaction where you spent 4 hours of cumulative contact with a person during their infectious period, who has tested positive.
  - The infectious period is 48 hours prior to symptoms or positive test result.

Further FAQ regarding close contacts is available on the [Healthy WA](#) and [WA Government](#) site.

### A family member has tested positive:

If family member living with your child tests positive, your child can continue to come to school however will need to meet the following requirements:

- Remains symptom free
- Tests negative each day to a RAT (there is no need to provide evidence to the school)
- Wears a mask all day
- Advise the school of the situation (SMS 0408 928 964)

### My child is positive however asymptomatic. Can I send them to school?

- Any person who tests positive to COVID-19 must isolate for 7 days.
- Your child may return to school after the 7 days period if they do not have symptoms.

### My child is symptomatic, but RAT is negative:

- Your child needs to remain home and isolate.
- Repeat the RAT in 24 hours.
- Your child can leave isolation once their symptoms resolve.

### My child has recovered and now their sibling is positive:

- As your child has recovered from COVID-19, they cannot be considered a close contact with 12 weeks since completing their isolation.
- Your child can continue to come to school.
- Your child does not need to complete a daily RAT
- Your child does not need to wear a mask.

### Contacting the School

All COVID-19 related absentees can be reported via the below **only**:

**SMS** 0408 928 964

**Email** [absentee.duncraig.shs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:absentee.duncraig.shs@education.wa.edu.au)