

School community close contact testing and isolation protocols

Confirmed positive case	<p>Isolate for a minimum of 7 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
Asymptomatic close contact	<p>Isolate for 7 days from date of contact with positive case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If symptoms develop, take a PCR or Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +ve If positive – refer to ‘Confirmed positive case’. You must report your positive RAT to WA Health via www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister • If still asymptomatic, take a RAT on Day 7. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +ve If positive – refer to ‘Confirmed positive case’. You must report your positive RAT to WA Health via www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister -ve If negative - and no new household members have tested positive - self-isolation ends after Day 7, and continue to monitor for symptoms.
Symptomatic close contact	<p>Isolate for 7 days from date of contact with positive case, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a PCR or RAT as soon as symptoms develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +ve If positive – refer to ‘Confirmed positive case’. You must report your positive RAT to WA Health via www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister -ve If negative PCR – stay in isolation, take a RAT in 24 hours and remain in isolation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +ve If then positive refer to ‘Confirmed positive case’. You must report your positive RAT to WA Health via www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister -ve If then negative - and no new household members have tested positive - take a RAT again on Day 7, before ending isolation if negative result is returned.
Symptomatic but not a close contact	<p>Get a PCR test immediately and isolate until result returned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +ve If positive – refer to ‘Confirmed positive case’. -ve If negative – not required to isolate but should stay home where possible until symptoms clear. <p>If you take a RAT because a PCR test is unavailable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> +ve If positive – refer to ‘Confirmed positive case’. You must report your positive RAT to WA Health via www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/ratregister -ve 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.