

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 face-to-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.

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.



Symptomatic close contact

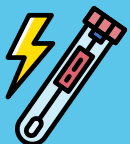
Notify your school. Quarantine for a full 7 days from the last date of contact with positive case; and take a PCR test or a RAT on Day 1 or as soon as possible:

- if positive – refer to **Confirmed positive case**
- if negative PCR, continue to quarantine
- if negative RAT, continue to quarantine and take RAT in 24 hours
 - if RAT positive – refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
 - if RAT negative – continue to quarantine.

Take a PCR test on Day 6 or 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 – quarantine ends after Day 7, and people should monitor for symptoms.

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



Asymptomatic close contact

Notify your school. Quarantine for a full 7 days from the last date of contact with positive case; and take a PCR test or a RAT on Day 1 or as soon as possible:

- if positive – refer to **Confirmed positive case**
- if negative PCR, continue to quarantine
- if negative RAT, continue to quarantine and take RAT in 24 hours
 - if RAT positive – refer to **Confirmed positive case**. You must report your positive RAT.*
 - if RAT negative – continue to quarantine.

Take a PCR test on Day 6 or 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 – quarantine ends after Day 7, and people should monitor for symptoms.

If symptoms develop, refer to **Symptomatic close contact**.

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.