Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Dear Parent/carer

COVID-19 reporting requirements

With recent easing of COVID-19 restrictions, including changes to close contact definitions, the Department for Education and SA Health have reviewed the COVID reporting requirements for schools and preschools.

Schools will now do a single notification at the end of each day that lists the number of COVID cases by year level that day. Letters for individual classroom contacts are no longer required.

If your child is in one of the year levels identified in an update, please monitor them for symptoms. If symptoms emerge, your child should not attend school and get tested as soon as possible.

Changes to classroom contacts

The testing, isolation and quarantine requirements for education settings has been updated. There are now no restrictions for classroom contacts.

For detailed information on classroom contacts, see the testing, isolation and quarantine overviews on the Department for Education website.

COVID outbreak management plan

SA Health has implemented a COVID-19 outbreak management plan for education sites.

As a part of the outbreak management plan, classes in your school may be required to undertake additional measures beyond the standard testing, isolation and quarantine requirements. This could include:

- a recommendation for all students to undertake PCR testing, regardless of whether or not they have symptoms
- a temporary class or year level closure which will act as a circuit breaker.

If these measures are required for any of the classes in your school, you will receive detailed information from the school.

If your child is required to PCR test or their class is temporarily closed, they should also follow this advice from SA Health for 7 days:

- avoid attending OSHC where possible
- avoid attending extra-curricular activities and excursions
- avoid high risk settings or COVID Management Plan events

- wear a surgical mask around others (where age appropriate) and outside your home
- avoid contact with vulnerable people outside of your workplace or family, where possible
- avoid non-essential activities where possible (eg where there are lots people, inside, in close contact)
- avoid shared spaces and maintain physical distance.

Priority testing for families in metropolitan Adelaide

For families living in metropolitan Adelaide, you can access the **priority lane** at the Victoria Park COVID-19 testing station If your child is recommended to undertake PCR testing.

You will need to take evidence that PCR testing has been recommended for your child. This can be the notification you receive from the school.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff are paramount. The Department for Education COVID Response Team continues to work with SA Health to minimise the risk of transmission in our community.

Yours sincerely

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