

18 July 2022

Dear staff,

I'm writing to let you know that a person with COVID-19 was on our school site while infectious.

Date positive case/s reported:	18 July 2022
Impacted class/es or year level/s	Any extracurricular activities, including school bus transport
8 Hollows, STE08D, DRA08E, MTE08F	Not Applicable
8 Attard, STE08E, MUS08D	
9 Deakin, CHI09C, DRA09B, VCD09B	
9 Curtin, ITA09A,	
10 Mannix, ABF10B, VPS112	

What you need to know

If you are not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms you can continue to attend school, but you should monitor for symptoms.

Staff who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result.

Staff and students should continue with twice-a-week rapid antigen testing on school days.

Staff who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to participate in surveillance testing for 12 weeks after their isolation period has ended. For information on symptoms visit: https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks

For more information on how to get tested visit: https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19

If you return a positive RAT result, have symptoms and/or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, it is very likely that you have COVID-19.

- You must advise the school and the Department of Health about the positive result
- You must stay home for 7 days and then only leave home once you feel well

Household contacts

Staff who are household contacts of a COVID-19 case are not required to quarantine. It is required that household contacts undertake daily rapid antigen testing five times within the 7 days of exposure.

Staff who are household contacts are required to wear face masks when indoors at school. This does not apply to staff who have a valid exemption.

If you return a positive RAT result, you must stay home for 7 days and then only leave home once you feel well.

Note: If you test positive with a RAT but do not have symptoms and you don't believe you have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 it is recommended getting a PCR test within the first 48 hours of testing positive and stay isolated at all times until you receive your result.

If your subsequent PCR test result is negative, you will be able to leave isolation and return to school. If the result is positive, you must follow the steps above.

Reporting your positive test

If you have tested positive to COVID-19 you must let me know.

You must also report your positive result to the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or call centre on 1800 675 398.

Financial support available to people affected by COVID-19:

For more information, visit:

Financial and other support for COVID-19 | Coronavirus Victoria

<u>If you need a payment during coronavirus (COVID-19) - Getting help during coronavirus (COVID-19) - Services</u> Australia

General advice and support

Advice and further resources about what to do if you test positive to COVID-19, or you have been told you are a contact, are at: Your COVID Checklist | Coronavirus Victoria, or call the 24/7 Coronavirus hotline on: 1800 675 398

You can also contact me directly.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Yours sincerely,

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Christina Utri

Principal