

COVID-19 – information for families

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT)

- If your child tests positive with a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT):
 - they should isolate for 7 days and follow the guidance on the [COVID-19 website](#), and
 - register their positive RAT result with ACT Health using the [online form](#), and
 - tell your child's school if your child was at school during the time they may have been infectious.
- Registering a RAT result using the [online form](#) means ACT Health can contact you and provide further information and support if required.
- If your child has tested negative with a RAT but has ongoing COVID-19 symptoms, they should have a PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, they should follow the guidance for people with [COVID-19](#). If the PCR test is negative, they may return to school when they are well.

Household (high risk) contacts

- If your child is in quarantine because someone in your household has COVID-19, they cannot attend school during the quarantine time period. They are required to quarantine as a household (high risk) contact.
- As a [household \(high risk\) contact](#), it's important that your child stays in quarantine for the full 7 days, even if they have returned an initial negative COVID-19 test during this time.
- Once your child has completed their quarantine period, they can return to school, if they:
 - do not have any symptoms of COVID-19, and
 - have had a negative exit quarantine test.

Information about children and COVID-19 is available on the [ACT COVID-19 website](#)

COVID-19 – information for school staff

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 - isolate for 7 days and follow the guidance on the [COVID-19 website, and](#)
 - register your positive RAT result with ACT Health using the [online form](#), and
 - tell your school if you were at work during the time they you may have been infectious.
- Registering a RAT result using the [online form](#) means ACT Health can contact you and provide further information and support if required.
- If you have tested negative with a RAT but have ongoing COVID-19 symptoms, you should have a PCR test. If the PCR test is positive, you should follow the guidance for people with [COVID-19](#). If the PCR test is negative, you may return to school when you are well.

Household (high risk) contacts

- If you're in quarantine because someone in your household has COVID-19, you are considered a household (high risk) contact and required to quarantine. You cannot go to work during this time.
- As a [household \(high risk\) contact](#), it's important you stay in quarantine for the full 7 days, even if you have returned an initial negative test in this time.
- Once you have completed your quarantine period, as a household (high risk) contact, you can return to school, if you:
 - do not have any symptoms of COVID-19, and
 - you have had a negative exit quarantine test.

COVID-19 vaccines

COVID-19 vaccinations for children aged 5 to 11 years of age

- Children aged 5 to 11 can now receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Children will get 2 paediatric doses of the Pfizer vaccine, 8 weeks apart.
- Walk in appointments are currently available the AIS COVID-19 vaccination clinic. The AIS Arena COVID-19 vaccine clinic is open every day from 8am and 8.30pm (last walk-ins at 7.30pm).
- If you'd like to make an appointment, please call the vaccine booking line on (02) 5124 7700, between 7am to 7pm, daily (online bookings using MyDHR are unavailable for children's COVID-19 vaccinations).
- If you'd like to book your child in for their COVID-19 vaccination at a GP or pharmacy, use the Vaccine Clinic Finder: <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>
- If you are unsure about vaccinating your child, speak to your GP or another trusted health care professional to make an informed decision about their health.
- More information and resources about COVID-19 vaccinations for children can be found at: www.covid19.act.gov.au/vaccinechildren

Boosters

- Boosters are recommended for everyone aged 16 and over who received their second dose more than three months ago.
- A booster dose will give even more protection from severe illness with COVID-19.
- Appointments are readily available at ACT Government COVID-19 vaccination clinics by calling 5124 7700 or going online and using [MyDHR](#).
- You can also get your booster from your local GP or pharmacy using the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#).