



MANAGING COVID-19 IN STUDENTS - FACT SHEET

As per Cherylynn Gostelow's Principal Communication on the 17th of January 2022, any student that presents with any COVID-19/cold and flu-like symptoms will be required to remain at home for a **minimum of SEVEN DAYS** from symptom onset, unless confirmed negative with a COVID-19 test.

If your child has COVID-19/cold and flu-like symptoms, they need to remain at home until these symptoms subside, regardless of positive/negative status.

What to do if symptoms present at the College	What to do if symptoms present at home
<p>If symptoms present in a student while they are at the College, parents/caregivers will be called and collection of student will be required as soon as is possible.</p> <p>Students presenting to sick bay with COVID-19/cold and flu-like symptoms will be assumed to be COVID-19 positive, issued with an N95/surgical mask and seated outside in a supervised and ventilated area, if safe to do so.</p> <p>Once parents/caregivers arrive to collect their child, they will be provided with 1 box of RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) kits (depending on stock availability).</p> <p>They will need to go home and test their child.</p> <p>Your child will need to isolate until test results are confirmed.</p> <p>Both positive and negative results need to be submitted to the College (as outlined below).</p>	<p>If your child presents with COVID-19/cold and flu-like symptoms while at home you will need to take your child to a testing site (these can be found on the Queensland Health website) for a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) test or a RAT kit.</p> <p>As per Queensland Health, priority access to RAT kits is being given to students who develop symptoms.</p> <p>Your child will need to isolate until test results are confirmed.</p> <p>Both positive and negative results need to be submitted to the College (as outlined below).</p>
If your child receives a positive result	If your child receives a negative result
<p>Your child will need to isolate for 7 days from their positive test.</p> <p>Positive results need to be submitted to the College (as outlined below) and reported to Queensland Health as per their reporting protocols.</p> <p>If your child is well 7 full days after testing positive, they may leave isolation and return to the College on day 8. As per Queensland Health regulations, a test is not required to leave isolation provided they do not have acute viral symptoms (fever, sore throat, runny nose or cough that is bad or getting worse).</p>	<p>If the test returns a negative result, evidence of this must be submitted to the College (as outlined below).</p> <p>Your child may return to the College provided they do not have acute viral symptoms (fever, sore throat, runny nose or cough that is bad or getting worse) and are not a close contact that requires further isolation.</p>

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Close contact isolation:

As per Queensland Health regulations, close household contacts (that are not classified as essential workers by their workplace) need to isolate for a **minimum of SEVEN DAYS**. They are required to test on day 6 of isolation, or if symptoms present. Negative day 6 tests need to be submitted to the College (as outlined below). Students may then start back at the College on day 8.

If symptoms present during the isolation period, the steps under the above heading **‘What to do if symptoms present at home’** should be followed. Close contacts **MUST** follow the Queensland Health regulations for isolation, regardless of a personal negative test result. If your child returns a positive result, the steps under the above heading **‘If your child receives a positive result’** need to be followed.

Submitting evidence of covid tests to the College:

Evidence of all results need to be submitted to the College via email (jessica.short@calvarycc.qld.edu.au). PCR test results can be forwarded to the College. RAT results will need to be photographed alongside a handwritten note and emailed to the College. The note should contain the following:

- Student name
- Class
- Date of test
- Time test was conducted
- Time photograph was taken

RAT results can become invalid if left for longer than 20 minutes. Therefore, photos must be taken within a 15-20 minute window from the time the RAT was conducted.

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