

# COVID Primary Close Contact

11/11/2021

Dear Parent,

We have been advised that a confirmed COVID-19 case attended our school Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November, and your child in **Grade 3** has been **identified as a primary close contact**.

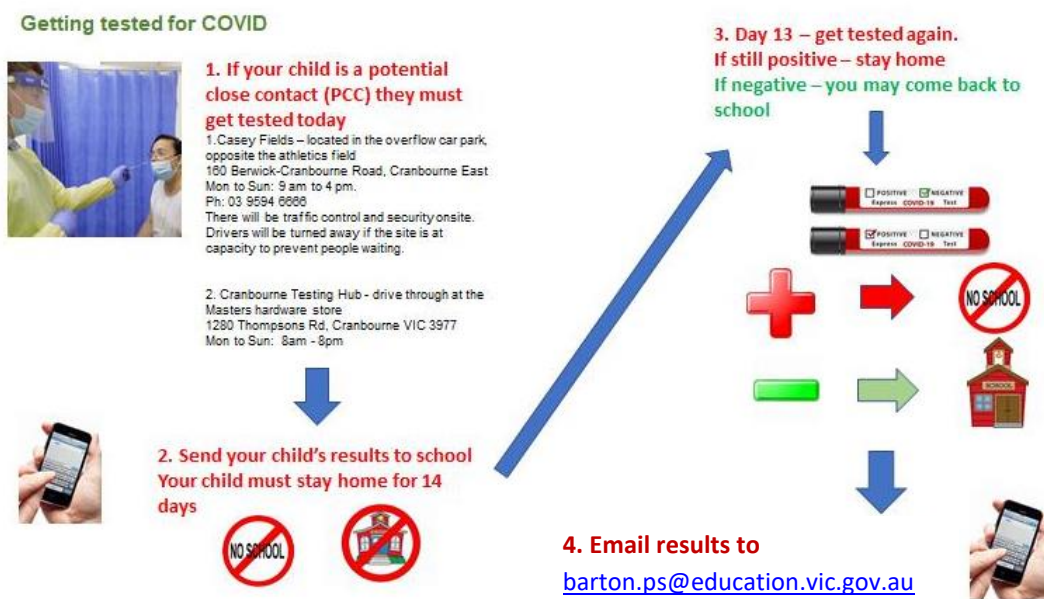
They must get tested as soon as possible then stay at home and wait for contact from the Department of Health (DH), which may take a few days. DH will advise you on your quarantine requirements, testing and release dates (this may take some days). Please note that DH no longer sends clearance emails to PCCs, the evidence of a negative test at Day 6 or Day 13 (depending on your isolation period) is sufficient for release. Families and households do not have to isolate.

As it may take a few days for DHS to contact you, we have included the below process:

### PARTIALLY VACCINATED OR UNVACCINATED STUDENTS:

- Student to have a COVID test after being advised they are a primary close contact
  - Provide **NEGATIVE** result to the school
- Isolate for 14 days
- Students to have a standard PCR COVID test on day 13 of isolation (Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November)
  - Provide **NEGATIVE** result to the school
- Return to school on day 15 (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November)

We are aware of the media announcements reducing the isolation time for children – however we are guided by the Department of Education and the current guidelines require unvaccinated students to isolate for 14 days.



**Remote Learning:** More information will be sent to you regarding remote learning for students in isolation (to commence Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November). Information can be found on our website.

We are following public health advice. Please be mindful that this is a difficult situation for everyone and respectful conversations are expected at all times. We appreciate your patience and support as we navigate these new and unknown circumstances.

Kind Regards,

Roma McKinnon  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**