



# State government information



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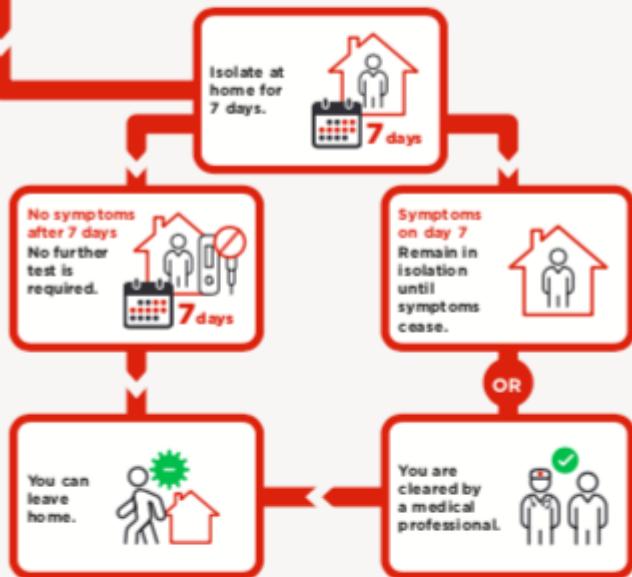


## COVID-19: New testing and isolation protocols in a high caseload environment



### I have tested positive for COVID-19

With COVID-19 in the community, it is important for you to know what to do to keep yourself and others safe. This protocol will help you know when and how long you need to isolate for if you are COVID-19 positive.



**Symptoms  
include:**



Fever



Fatigue



Sore/scratchy throat



Shortness of breath



Runny nose

Dry cough

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## COVID-19: New testing and isolation protocols in a high caseload environment



### I am a close contact and have no symptoms

With COVID-19 in the community, it is important for you to know what to do to keep yourself and others safe. This protocol will help you know what to do if you are a close contact but have no symptoms.

Isolate for 7 days from date of contact.



Monitor for symptoms.



#### Symptoms

Refer to 'I am not a close contact and I have symptoms' protocol.

#### Test positive

Refer to the 'I have tested positive to COVID-19' protocol.



No symptoms  
Take a RAT on day 7.



#### Test negative

You can leave your home after day 7 of isolation, providing there are no new cases in your household.



#### Symptoms include:



If someone in your household tests positive, isolate for 7 days (start this process again).





## COVID-19: New testing and isolation protocols in a very high caseload environment



### I am a close contact and a critical worker

With COVID-19 in the community, it is important for you to know what to do to keep yourself and others safe. This protocol is for critical workers who are close contacts of someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

#### Contact your employer

You may be exempt from isolation requirements in order to attend work but only if it is necessary for continuity of critical operations, and other options have been exhausted.



#### Symptoms

Refer to 'I am a close contact who develops symptoms' protocol.



**No symptoms**  
To go to work, you must take a RAT every day for 7 days.



#### Test positive

Refer to the 'I have tested positive to COVID-19' protocol.



#### If you test negative and you are going to work:

- you must isolate outside of work for 7 days
- wear a surgical mask outside home
- follow workplace safety requirements
- if possible, travel alone to work
- if not possible, wear a mask while car-pooling or using public transport





## COVID-19: New testing and isolation protocols in a high caseload environment



### I am not a close contact and I have symptoms

With COVID-19 in the community, it is important for you to know what to do to keep yourself and others safe. This protocol will help you know what to do if you have symptoms.

Get a PCR test if you can. This is the preferred option. Isolate until the results come back.



If you can't get a PCR test, get a RAT immediately.



If your PCR test is negative, you are not required to isolate. But you should stay home where possible, until your symptoms clear.



Test negative  
Continue to isolate and repeat the RAT in 24 hours.



If second RAT is negative you are not required to isolate. But you should stay home where possible, until your symptoms clear.



#### Test positive

Refer to the 'I have tested positive to COVID-19' protocol.



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