

Testing and quarantine requirements for contacts of a COVID-19 case

GENERAL PUBLIC

	LOW RISK CASUAL CONTACT	CASUAL CONTACT (PCR)	VACCINATED CLOSE CONTACT (PCR)	UNVACCINATED CLOSE CONTACT (PCR)
Quarantine requirements	None	None	Quarantine for 7 days from exposure	Quarantine for 14 days from exposure
Testing requirements	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Only test if symptomatic</i> • Get tested immediately at any time if symptoms develop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2 tests • Get tested immediately • Get tested again on day 6 • Get tested immediately at any time if symptoms develop (negative day 6 test required to be released from quarantine) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2 tests • Get tested immediately • Get tested again on day 13 • Get tested immediately at any time if symptoms develop (negative day 13 test required to be released from quarantine)
Any contact who develops symptoms must get a throat-nose swab (PCR) and isolate until result is known and symptoms have resolved.				
Other requirements	None	From days 1 to 14: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear surgical mask when around others at all times • Avoid contact with vulnerable people (elderly, pregnant, people with chronic health conditions) • Avoid non-essential activities where possible • Avoid shared spaces and maintain physical distancing 	From days 8 to 14: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear surgical mask when around others at all times • Avoid non-essential activities • Do not attend COVID Management Plan events • Do not enter a high-risk setting (hospitals, aged care) except for essential reasons • Avoid contact with vulnerable people (elderly, pregnant, people with chronic health conditions) • Avoid shared spaces and maintain physical distancing 	Not applicable
Household quarantine requirements	None	None	<p>Yes – People in same household as the contact who are unvaccinated must also follow the above quarantine requirements (unless they can be appropriately separated from primary contact). <i>Only test if symptomatic.</i></p> <p>No – People in same household as the contact who are vaccinated do not need to quarantine. <i>Only test if symptomatic.</i></p>	<p>Yes – People in same household as the contact who are unvaccinated must also follow the above quarantine requirements (unless they can be appropriately separated from primary contact). <i>Only test if symptomatic.</i></p> <p>Yes – People in same household as the contact who are vaccinated need to quarantine for 7 days (unless they can be appropriately separated from primary contact). <i>Only test if symptomatic.</i></p> <p>No – If the contact is under 12 years old, people in the same household who are vaccinated (no quarantine). <i>Only test if symptomatic.</i></p>

Contact tracing for the public is conducted by SA Health. You will be categorised on a risk based assessment with consideration to your vaccination status, mask use, environment, activities taken and other epidemiological and environmental factors.

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Vaccinated refers to a person who is greater than 14 days following receipt of the final dose of a primary course of COVID-19 vaccine approved or recognised by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

Notes: COVID-19 tests for contacts must be PCR tests. This applies to children and adults of all ages.

Category definitions for primary contacts of a COVID-19 case

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EXPOSURE TO CASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Low Risk Casual Contact is defined as a person who has been in the same setting with a confirmed case in their infectious period, but does not meet the definition of a casual contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A person who has been near a COVID-19 case and there is some risk of transmission based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration of exposure Vaccination status PPE use (mask wearing) The setting (indoors vs outdoors) Nature of exposure (e.g. singing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A person who has had face-to-face contact with a COVID-19 case and there is reasonable risk of transmission This will include household contacts, extensive social interaction with a case or being present at a high risk setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A person who has had face-to-face contact with a COVID-19 case and there is reasonable risk of transmission This will include household contacts, extensive social interaction with a case or being present at a high risk setting
VACCINATION			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to a person who is ≥ 14 days following receipt of the final dose of a primary course of COVID-19 vaccine approved or recognised by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to a person who is not vaccinated with a TGA recognised COVID-19 vaccine. Refers to a person who has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine registered by the TGA but does not meet the definition of a fully vaccinated person.

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