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Identified COVID-19 cases at Merimbula Public School- School to Stay Operational

Dear Community Members,

Merimbula Public School has been advised that multiple members of the school community have recently tested positive to COVID-19.

Students and staff in Years 5 and Support Classes, may have had contact with a person who was infectious with COVID-19.

While testing and isolation is no longer mandatory for being exposed to someone with COVID-19 in school settings, NSW Health has provided advice on testing and isolation requirements for our school communities following **exposure to COVID-19** that should be considered when making decisions for your child and family if this situation arises at your school.

You are reminded that students and staff cannot attend school if they are showing any **symptoms of COVID-19**. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. If the rapid antigen test is positive, your child should isolate as someone who has tested positive to COVID-19. If you cannot access a rapid antigen test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic.

You must register any positive test on the **Service NSW website** or **Service NSW app** so that you can be linked to important health care support and advice. Parents and carers are reminded to please ensure that you select your school name when prompted when registering a positive test for your child.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff across NSW are paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

Thank you for your support.

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