



COVID-19 update

The health and safety of staff and clients is our top priority

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Hello everyone,

Happy new year! I am now back from my break and wanted to extend my sincere thanks to all colleagues who have been working over the last few weeks. Your presence delivering services onsite and remotely is very much valued. It has been a very different start to the year — but I am confident that we will continue to deliver outstanding services to Queenslanders.

Coming to the workplace

As we are not in lockdown, you may come onsite to work, but you must observe the following:

- masks must be worn:
 - in indoor workplaces such as offices unless it is unsafe to do so, or you are sitting at a workplace or standing at a workstation and can maintain physical distance from other persons
 - at all times in retail settings e.g. Library Shop
 - at all times in hospitality venues except when seated e.g Library Café and The Brink
- use the Check In Qld app and Sine Pro to sign in every day
- keep your distance from others
- practice good hand hygiene.

Do not come onsite if you are unwell (even with only very mild symptoms). Get tested and stay home until you receive your results.

If you are awaiting a test result or you're at home in isolation or quarantine, you can work remotely if you are well enough to do so and there is suitable work for you to do. Please talk to your People Leaders about your situation.

Test and isolate national protocols

The protocols for testing and isolation have changed in recent weeks. [This PDF](#) (see below) details the current processes for what you should do if:

- you test positive via a RAT or PCR test

- you are a close contact and have symptoms
- you are a close contact with no symptoms
- you are another contact of a positive case.

[More information is available online](#) about what to do to look after yourself and the people around you.

If you test positive, please remember to also inform your People Leader.

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COVID-19 Test and Isolate National Protocols

PROTOCOL 1	PROTOCOL 2	PROTOCOL 3	PROTOCOL 4
COVID-19 confirmed by a positive RAT or PCR test 1 Isolate at home for at least 7 days from the day you had your test. If you have symptoms at Day 6, you must stay at home until symptoms are gone. 2 Notify your household, school or employer that you have tested positive. 3 If you have no symptoms at Day 7, you can return to normal living and leave your home. You do not need a further test. <i>Wear a mask when leaving the home and avoid visiting high-risk settings for at least 7 days following negative test or end of symptoms.</i> Always seek medical help if you become very unwell.	Close Contact and have symptoms 1 Stay home for 7 days since you last had contact with the person who has COVID-19. 2 Take a RAT self-test or PCR test and stay at home while waiting for the test result. If you test positive for COVID-19 follow Protocol 1. If you test negative, continue to stay at home. 3 On Day 6 of isolation, take a RAT self-test. If you test positive for COVID-19 follow Protocol 1. If your Day 6 test is negative, you can leave home and return to normal living after completing the 7 days of home isolation. <i>Wear a mask when leaving the home and avoid visiting high-risk settings for at least 14 days following exposure to the person with COVID-19.</i> Always seek medical help if you become very unwell.	Close Contact with no symptoms 1 Monitor for symptoms and take a RAT self-test or PCR test if they develop. If positive, follow Protocol 1. If negative, continue to stay at home for 7 days, monitor for symptoms and follow Protocol 2 if they develop. 2 On Day 6 of isolation, take another RAT self-test. If your Day 6 self-test is positive, follow Protocol 1 – you do NOT need a PCR test for confirmation. If your Day 6 self-test is negative and you have no symptoms, you can leave home and return to normal living after completing the 7 days of home isolation. <i>Wear a mask when leaving the home and avoid visiting high-risk settings for at least 14 days following exposure to the person with COVID-19.</i>	Other contacts If you have had less contact with someone with COVID-19, such as contact in a social, shopping, education or workplace setting. 1 You should monitor for symptoms and have a RAT self-test if these occur. If positive, follow Protocol 1 and stay at home until you no longer have symptoms. <i>Wear a mask when leaving the home and avoid visiting high-risk settings for at least 14 days following exposure to the person with COVID-19.</i> *WA, SA, NT & TAS residents should check their state or territory requirements and timelines. You are a Close Contact if you are living with someone who has COVID-19, or have spent 4 hours or longer with someone in a home or health or aged care environment since they developed COVID-19.

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Record your booster in Aurion

If you have received a COVID-19 booster vaccination, please complete a **new** online form in [Aurion ESS](#). Refer to the [instructions on how to add your vaccination status](#).

The form that recorded your initial vaccination status will be completed by your People Leader following sighting of your proof of vaccination, so please add a **new form** to record your booster information. You don't need to enter the previously advised vaccination one and/or two information to your new form.

Thank you and stay safe,
Vicki