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Dear staff, parents and carers
Re: COVID-19 exposure at Gold Creek School

ACT Health would like to update you on management of the COVID-19 exposure at the Gold Creek School.

Firstly, we would like to thank the school community for completing the online declaration forms, attending for testing and acknowledge the impact that quarantine is having on your family and thank you for this.

Quarantine requirements

Gold Creek school and early learning will remain a close contact exposure site. This means that any students, staff or visitors who attended during the exposure times need to remain in quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure.

If this was Thursday 12th August 2021 then quarantine will finish on Thursday 26th of August 2021 at 11:59pm.

Testing requirements

Close contacts are required to get tested on entry to quarantine and again on day 12-13 prior to leaving quarantine. ACT Health will send further communication if there are specific testing arrangements put in place for day 12-13 testing.

In the original communication you received from ACT Health, close contacts were advised to get tested once they start quarantine and again on day 5. Testing between day 5-7 is useful but not mandatory. It is useful when families are quarantining together, as it may assist in identifying COVID-19 cases earlier, which can impact on the time that the family needs to be in isolation or quarantine for. At this stage, there is not additional capacity to offer testing at the Gold Creek site on Tuesday. You may access testing any of the publicly accessible sites across the ACT network.

Symptoms

If you have any COVID-19 symptoms please use private transport to travel to a drive through testing clinic to get tested.

Further information

Advice and resources, including information about what it means to be in quarantine, are available on the ACT COVID-19 website. If you have any further questions that have not been addressed after reading the ACT Health information, please contact the ACT Education Directorate Parents and Carers Hotline (02) 6205 5429.

ACT Health will continue to work closely with the Education Directorate to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff is maintained.

Yours sincerely

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