

Dear Staff, Parents and Carers

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation during this difficult time. The patience and cooperation of the Nicholls Early Childhood Centre and Gold Creek School community during this challenging period for Canberra is much appreciated.

As outlined in my most recent letter, it is important for all close contacts and all members of their households to remain in quarantine for the full 14 days since they were last at a close contact exposure location - even if you have received an initial negative COVID-19 test result.

All close contacts need to be tested before they and their household secondary contacts can be released from quarantine. I am writing to you today about this test.

Close contacts are defined as any person who was onsite at the school grounds during the dates and times of the exposure. **If you dropped your child off and did not enter the school grounds on the exposure dates YOU ARE NOT considered a close contact**

ACT Health have identified an option for this repeat testing for close contacts connected to Nicholls Early Childhood Centre and Gold Creek School. **Close contacts are invited to attend at the following time slots for repeat testing:**

Tuesday 24th August 2021

Year	Time Slot		Testing Location:
Nicholls Early Childhood Centre	8:00am	10:00am	Gold Creek School Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing Facility 130 Kelleway Avenue Nicholls
Preschool and Kindergarten	8:00am	10:00am	
Year 1 - 3	10:00am	11:30am	
Year 4 - 6	11.30am	1.00pm	
Year 7 - 8	1.00pm	2.30pm	
Year 9 - 10	2.30pm	4.00pm	
Teachers/Staff	any time	any time	

Please arrive at the Gold Creek pop-up testing facility at the beginning of your allocated time slot. If you have more than one student that attends Nicholls Early Childhood Centre and/or Gold Creek School, you may pick either time slot relevant to their year and attend as a family

IMPORTANT: Tomorrow we are expecting large numbers of students combined with poor weather which will impact the ability to queue. To facilitate improved flow through the centres we request that you pre-register your child's/teenager's test via the Capital Pathology website: <https://cap-register.sonicpathology.com.au/>. PLEASE have the barcode ready for your collection timeslot and before you enter the pop-up facility.

If your child/teenager has sensory needs or requires disability access, the testing centre at Gold Creek is set up to facilitate these tests. Please identify yourself to the security or centre staff who will assist you in the priority collection.

If the targeted centre location and time is not suitable to your needs, you can attend any testing facility in the ACT, but there will be no priority testing at these other sites. Please keep up to date with ACT Health social media sites for testing wait times across these other facilities.

A reminder that secondary contacts who did not attend Nicholls Early Childhood Centre and Gold Creek School during the close contact exposure times outlined in previous letters **DO NOT** require testing *unless* symptomatic. **Only close contacts need to be tested.**

Quarantine Period

The last day the close contact was at the school counts as day zero of quarantine. For example, if this was Thursday 12 August 2021 then quarantine will finish on **Thursday 26 August 2021 at 11:59pm**, if the close contact has already received a negative result from the repeat test. If not, the quarantine will continue until a negative test result is received.

Additionally, in this example, if you have been at another exposure location(s) after Thursday 12 August 2021, you may need to stay in quarantine longer.

Further information

More information, advice (including quarantine periods) and resources are available on the [ACT COVID-19 website](#). You can also access [frequently asked questions for schools](#).

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

Daniel Breen
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