



# Testing and isolation protocols

Beginning tomorrow, 12:01am Tuesday 8 February

## New positive COVID-19 case protocols:



### Report

If PCR test unavailable, report positive RAT to WA Health



### Self-isolate

Self-isolate for a minimum of 7 days



### Have symptoms on Day 7

Continue isolating until symptoms clear



### No symptoms after Day 7

If no symptoms after Day 7, leave self-isolation  
No test is required

## New definition of a close contact and protocols:



A household member or intimate partner of an infectious case.

OR



15 minutes face-to-face or 2 hours in a room where either you or the infectious case have been without a mask.

OR



Someone who has been notified by WA Health that they are a close contact.

### Self-isolation protocols for a close contact who has symptoms:

- Isolate for 7 days from the date of contact with positive case.
- PCR or RAT on Day 1 or as soon as possible. **If test is positive, follow the positive case protocols.**
- If negative, stay in self-isolation and take RAT in 24 hours. **If test is positive, follow the positive case protocols.**
- If 2<sup>nd</sup> test negative, stay in self-isolation and RAT on Day 7. **If test is positive, follow the positive case protocols.**
- If Day 7 test is negative, you have no symptoms, and no new household members have tested positive, leave self-isolation and continue to monitor for symptoms.

### Self-isolation protocols for a close contact who has no symptoms:

- Isolate for 7 days from the date of contact with positive case.
- If symptoms develop, **follow the protocols for a close contact with symptoms.**
- If still showing no symptoms take RAT on Day 7. **If positive, follow the positive case protocols.**
- If Day 7 test is negative, you have no symptoms, and no new household members have tested positive, leave self-isolation and continue to monitor for symptoms.



If you are not a close contact, but have symptoms, take a PCR test and self-isolate until negative result returned. In this situation, only use a RAT if PCR test is unavailable.



More information can be found at [wa.gov.au](https://www.wa.gov.au)