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Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: My child has tested positive for Covid-19. What does this mean?

A: Your child will need to self-isolate for 7 days:

- Advise the College by completing the Covid Notification Form via the banner link at the top of the College website homepage or via [this link](#)
- Your child can return to school on Day 8 as long as they do not have Covid-19 symptoms and have met all current Ministry of Health guidelines
- **Whānau living in your home** will be close contacts and are recommended to take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) every day for 5 days. So long as they test negative, they will be able to go about daily life as normal. The MOH recommends household contacts wear a mask when leaving home.

Q: Who do we advise if our child tests positive for Covid-19?

A: Please complete the Covid Notification Form via [this link](#) or via the banner link at the top of the College website homepage

Q: A member of our Household has tested positive. What does this mean for us?

A: This means those living in the same household are considered close contacts and are recommended to take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) every day for 5 days. So long as they test negative, they will be able to go about daily life as normal. The MOH recommends household contacts wear a mask when leaving home.

Q: How do we work out our 7 days of self-isolation?

A: Please click this [link](#) to the Ministry of Health Covid-19 page which will guide you on your specific situation.

Q: A friend/classmate of my child has tested positive. Is my child a close contact?

A: No. Only Household contacts are considered Close Contacts.

Q: My child has had developed new Covid-19 symptoms.

A: It is possible that they have Covid-19 again and you should administer a RAT. If they test positive, this will be considered a reinfection and the standard Covid-19 [isolation guidelines](#) should be followed.

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Frequently Asked Questions cont.

Q: With everything going on, my child is feeling anxious. What can I do?

A: At Bethlehem College, we are doing what we can to ensure that school is a safe, fun place to be. Teachers are being careful to focus on positive solutions to encourage students to look after themselves, one another and show kindness.

Q: My child is self-isolating. What school work will be available?

A: Students who are well will continue to use their usual learning platform to access school work e.g. Seesaw, Google Classrooms, Teams

Q: What are the rules on Face masks now?

A: Masks will not be required anywhere, except when visiting certain healthcare facilities like hospitals, GP's, pharmacies and aged care residential facilities. Masks are recommended by the MOH in confined places such as public transport or when visiting vulnerable people. Anyone at Bethlehem College choosing to wear a mask will be supported in their choice.

Q: My child has just recovered from Covid-19. Another Household member has now tested positive. Does my child have to isolate?

A: No. Those living in the same household are considered close contacts and are recommended to take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) every day for 5 days. So long as they test negative, they will be able to go about daily life as normal. The MOH recommends household contacts wear a mask when leaving home.

Q: Where can I find Covid-19 information?

A: Ministry of Health Covid-19 [isolation guidelines](#)