

CGS COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS UPDATED 9 SEPTEMBER 2022 - Term 3 2022

End of Week 8 update

Students and staff that contract COVID-19 must isolate for 5 days as a minimum. The ACT advises that people should continue to isolate after these 5 days if they still have symptoms and continue to feel unwell.

For those Year 7 to 12 and all staff that work at the school that have recovered, they are required to always wear a mask when indoor for day 6 and day 7. Mask wearing for Primary school students continue to be at the discretion of the parents and student. The school highly recommends primary school students that have returned to school on days 6 and 7 wear masks as a measure to protect other students and staff.

Week 5 onwards

New updates*

Masks – The School strongly encourages masks to be worn indoors in the presence of others, particularly where social distancing is not possible. Masks are required in the following settings:

- in all large gatherings (including assemblies, Chapel services, House meetings, large staff meetings, concerts, and performances etc. during activities requiring close or prolonged contact, on School transport when requested, when requested by those with medical requirements at all times for those who are household contacts of people with COVID.

RAT testing – Staff continue to test once a week. RAT testing will continue to be provided by the school. Students and staff attending Residential Camp's must complete a RAT test prior to attending camp. RAT tests will be provided to parents prior to their attendance.

Celebratory dinners have been rescheduled to Term 4¹.

House BBQ's can continue with COVID Safe Plans in place.

Boarding House moves to testing once a week but continues to test where signs and symptoms develop

All [COVID measures continue](#)

Weekly RAT tests provided by the School continues for all staff across the school.

House meetings, Assemblies, Chapel and large gathering can go ahead as normal with COVID safe measures in place. This includes mandatory mask wearing indoors and outdoors where social distancing is not possible

Please continue to act cautiously in your planning and management of events and follow [COVID-19 safe measures as normal.](#)

¹ 26 July update

School Departments and Activities

Examinations

The following measures are to be followed during all examinations across the Senior School

- Students and Staff in all cases will be asked to wear masks for the duration of the exams. Exemptions for medical reasons must be provided in advance.
- Desks will be set up 1.5 metres apart.
- Parent helpers must wear a mask at all times whilst assisting with exams.
- Exam invigilators must wear a mask at all times when supervising exams
- Masks must be replaced every 4 hours.
- **Household contacts can attend exams but must be free of signs and symptoms and always wear a mask.**

Chapel and House Meetings

- Chapel as normal for all year groups with COVID safe measures in place.

Performing Arts and Music

- No restrictions on performances or playing of instrument. COVID Safe practices remain.
- Events are ticketed and subject to specific COVID-19 requirements

Interschool Sport and Events

No restrictions. COVID safe plans must be in place and followed.

Interstate Travel

In principle, we may start planning for interstate travel, and from 2023, international travel. However, all such travel plans are contingent on:

- COVID-19 conditions and travel restrictions at the time.
- Staffing capacity both remaining at School and on tour.
- Viable extraction/quarantine plan for dealing with multiple cases of COVID-19 while overseas, interstate, or on tour.

Parents and Volunteers on site

- Parents and Volunteers must follow CGS COVID-19 Safety measures and Plans
- Parents can attend small school or ticketed events with COVID-19 safety plans in place
- Parents must wear a mask indoors and outdoors where social distancing is not possible.

Canteens

- Flexi orders will be no longer available at recess.
- Flexi orders for lunch will continue as normal.
- There will be three canteens operating for recess and lunch with different year groups allocated to each canteen.

Open Days

- Continue by invitation and COVID-19 safe plans in place.

CGS Care

- No additional changes or updates

COVID-19 Safe Measures

Household Contacts

The School will follow the [ACT Health](#) household contact guidelines including:

- Staff identified as a household contact must complete a COVID-19 declaration form identifying themselves as a household contact.
- Students identified as household contacts that wish to attend School must complete an absence form identifying household contact attendance at school.
- Students identified as household contacts that wish to isolate at home must complete an absence report form identifying household contacts as the reason of absence.

- Staff and students must complete a single RAT before attending School and subsequently retest every 48 hours for the 7-day period identified by ACT health.
- Where signs and symptoms of COVID-19 develop they must remain at home and test with a RAT kit.
- Where the RAT is negative, and symptoms remain a PCR test must be taken².
- Household contacts must always wear a mask.
- Household contacts can attend Co-curricular activities.
- Household contacts must not attend camps or overnight excursions.

Signs and Symptoms

Anyone with any symptoms must remain at home regardless of RAT results, household contact status, prior infection, mask wearing, etc.

Masks

Masks will be available from Reception in the Primary School and Senior School as well as from Heads of Student House in the Senior School for use in the following circumstances:

- For all large groups or multi cohort gatherings indoors and outdoors. Examples include Assemblies, House meetings, Chapel, Parent Information events, School performances etc.
- By all household contacts where mask wearing is an ACT requirement.
- By any adults or Senior School students travelling together on School transport or on public transport.
- Where requested by anyone for health reasons including vulnerable staff, students, parents, or visitors.
- For all school-based transport including students from Year 3 upwards.

RAT Kits and Reporting

Staff - For Term 3 all staff, casuals, and volunteers are to use the RAT kits supplied by the School prior to their first attendance on campus each week. Boarding house students and staff are to test once a week³, with all Covid test declaration forms lodged via the online portal

Students - Parents are encouraged to RAT students return to school on Monday morning. Students that test positive should have an absence form completed identifying COVID-19 as the reason for absence.

Density Requirements are to be maintained at 1 per 2 square metres except for Assemblies, Chapel or House meetings.

Cohorting and Zones no restrictions

Social Distancing continues where possible.

Hand Hygiene continues to be encouraged and managed with regular washing of hands and use of hand sanitiser.

Cleaning will continue with enhanced cleaning measures across the School. Students and staff should continue to wipe down high contact surfaces at the end of every class.

Ventilation continues and must be maintained including opening windows and doors where possible and having air filtration devices switched on. Staff continue to be encouraged to teach outside where conditions permit.

Signage continues and will be updated to reflect current requirements across the School.

COVID-19 Exposure Notifications will continue with cluster notification to parents and the community only.

² Update 14 July in line with ACT Health requirements

³ Update 12 August

Vaccination at CGS continues to recommend for students across the community as a means of reducing the severity and impact on people's health. All staff employed to work at CGS as permanent, part-time, or contractors must maintain their vaccinations to help protect themselves and reduce transmission to other members of the community that are vulnerable and at risk.

Boarding maintains current measures with testing once a week and where signs and symptoms develop. These will be provided by the respective Heads of Boarding to all families and students.