

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you may be aware, there has been a <u>surge in COVID-19 cases within the community</u> over the last few weeks.

At Blacktown South Public School, we have had a significant number of staff test positive since the beginning of the term.

You are reminded that <u>students and staff should not attend school if they are showing any **symptoms** <u>of COVID-19</u>. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).</u>

If symptoms occur at any time, your child should not attend school and <u>should undertake a rapid antigen test</u>. If the rapid antigen test is positive, your child should isolate as someone who has tested positive to COVID-19. If you cannot access a rapid antigen test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic.

Any positive test should be registered on the **Service NSW website** or **Service NSW app** so that you can be linked to important health care support and advice. Parents and carers are reminded to please ensure that you select your school name when prompted when registering a positive test for your child.

We encourage you to also inform the school of positive test results.

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff across NSW are paramount at all times. As such, we will continue to ensure that all necessary health advice is closely followed.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Andrew Bowmer Principal

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