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Bacchus Marsh Grammar has had several confirmed cases of COVID-19 attend the school between the 12–14 July 2021 during their infectious period, and the situation has evolved during the outbreak. This has resulted in the Department of Health re-assessing the risk to the school community and providing updated advice during the outbreak. We acknowledge that this can be confusing to individuals, as messages change during the outbreak, but this is done so that the outbreak can be effectively managed with actions that are responsive to changes in the risk to health.

On 14 July 2021, the Department of Health was notified of a case who did not have any symptoms having attended the school during their infectious period on 12th July 2021, which was a student free day. Staff who attended on the 12th were placed in isolation and the affected campus was closed for cleaning and contact tracing, with the school population at both Maddingley and Woodlea campuses asked to isolate at home while this took place

Following this, additional cases were identified as having attended the Maddingley campus of the school in the period 13th – 14th July during their infectious periods. As additional cases were identified at the school, the Department of Health undertook further risk assessment and contact tracing, and made the public health decision to reclassify everyone who was present at the Maddingley campus of the school on 13th - 14th July as a close contact, who will need to quarantine for 14 days from last contact at the school, have a negative test day 13 of quarantine and be cleared by the Department of Health before leaving quarantine. Household members including children who may attend another campus of the school or the associated early learning centre will also need to isolate for the 14 days if they remain in the same house. The Department of Health can provide advice on other options if this is not suitable.

While we are waiting for additional test results to be returned, we are requiring that those students and staff at the Woodlea Campus remain in isolation at home while the investigation continues. Anyone who develops symptoms should be tested for COVID and remain in isolation until advised you can leave, even if you have a negative test. For a testing site near you visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19>

The school campus attended by any cases will be cleaned prior to the Department of Health approving reopening of the school.

If you have any questions about the advice you have received, your quarantine period, testing and clearance, please contact the Department of Health on **1300 651 160**. For more information on coronavirus visit: coronavirus.vic.gov.au