

Coronavirus Response

Frequently Asked Questions



TORRENS VALLEY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are provided with information that may assist you and your families at this time. Please note that the School will continue to monitor advice from government and health authorities, and you will be updated accordingly. Here are some typical questions being asked by Parents/Caregivers:

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS UNWELL?

If your child unwell do not send your child to school.

If your child has had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 they are to be isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days following exposure. 'Close contact' is defined as someone who has had at least 15 minutes of face-to-face contact with a confirmed case, or shared a closed space with a confirmed case for more than two hours.

<https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/>

ARE STUDENTS FROM FAMILIES WHO HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELLED OVERSEAS ALLOWED TO BE AT SCHOOL?

In-line with Commonwealth advice, the current advice is that students and staff who have returned to Australia from overseas are required to self-quarantine for 14 days.

If children are unwell after travelling regardless of destination, they should be kept at home and medical advice should be sought.

WHAT DOES ISOLATE IN YOUR HOME MEAN?

People who need to isolate must stay at home and not attend public places, in particular work, school, childcare or university. Only people they usually live in the household with should be in the home.

Do not see visitors. Where possible, ask others such as friends or family, who are not required to be isolated, to get food or other necessities. If the person in isolation must leave the home or residence, such as to seek medical care, they are instructed to wear a surgical mask if they have one.

[SA Health: Home isolation advice for people with suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 \(coronavirus disease\)](#)

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD OR ANOTHER CHILD SEEMS UNWELL WHILE AT SCHOOL?

If a child becomes unwell at school, the usual school routine will be followed: the student will be separated from their classmates and a parent/caregiver will be called to collect them.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY CHILD'S EDUCATION IF HE/SHE IS TO BE ISOLATED FOR 14 DAYS?

If a child is unable to attend school, we will work with you to ensure that we minimise the impact on their learning. The Teaching and Learning team are developing an Online Learning Plan for Primary and Secondary students. This will utilize our Learning Management Systems Canvas and SEQTA. Parents and Caregivers will be given further information about the logistics of this in due course.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS A CONFIRMED CASE OF CORONAVIRUS IN THE SCHOOL?

The school will communicate with families and follow the advice from SA Health and other relevant authorities. It is likely the school would close for at least 48 hours while it is cleaned, and health authorities trace virus contact between individuals. Health authorities will declare that the school has followed all expected protocols and allow the school to reopen.

The school will keep you informed during any closure period via email and SMS messages. Parents would be advised when students are able to return.

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HOW CAN WE HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS?

Practising good sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses. You should:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- and if unwell, stay home to avoid contact with others.

WHAT EDUCATION IS HAPPENING ABOUT CORONAVIRUS AT SCHOOL?

Hand hygiene practices and simple ways to stop the spread of Coronavirus are being promoted through explicit teaching, reminders and the display of posters from the health authorities.

If you have particular concerns about Coronavirus, please email the school on COVID19@tvcs.sa.edu.au.

USEFUL LINKS

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- **Health Alerts**
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>
- **Resources**
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert/coronavirus-covid-19-resources>
- **National Health Plan resources**
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-national-health-plan-resources>

SA HEALTH

- **Information for the community**
<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/Public+Content/SA+Health+Internet/Health+topics/Health+topics+A++Z/COVID+2019/Community/>
- **Resources**
<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/health+topics/health+topics+a++z/novel+coronavirus>



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