

COVID-19: Summary of mask, isolation and RAT reporting requirements



Jurisdiction	Mask wearing	Isolation	RAT reporting
NSW	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in indoor public spaces and when you can't physically distance 1.5 metres from others visiting health, residential aged care and disability care facilities Find out more here .	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> positive cases should stay home until acute symptoms have gone don't visit people at high risk of severe illness, anyone in hospital or an aged or disability care facility for at least 7 days after the positive diagnosis Find out more here .	RECOMMENDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> register positive RAT with Service NSW Find out more here .
VIC	RECOMMENDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for at least 7 days if you have COVID-19 or are a close contact and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you need to leave home, or you cannot maintain physical distance you are caring for someone at home who is sick with COVID-19 you have any COVID-19 symptoms you are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 you are visiting or working in a sensitive setting such as hospitals and aged care facilities you know you are at a higher risk of falling very sick with COVID-19 Find out more here .	RECOMMENDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> positive cases should isolate for at least 5 days and until you don't have symptoms anymore don't work in or visit a high-risk setting like hospitals, aged care, and disability services Find out more here .	RECOMMENDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report positive RAT to the Department of Health Find out more here .
QLD (Amber level from 11/11/2022)	RECOMMENDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> wear a mask for 7 days after you test positive for COVID-19 if you're a close contact in healthcare settings indoors, if you can't socially distance 	STRONGLY RECOMMENDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> positive cases should stay at home until you are well again avoid entering hospitals, residential aged care facilities and disability accommodation services for at least 7 days after the positive 	RECOMMENDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> report a positive COVID-19 RAT result for a test taken in the last 14 days For out more here .

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> on public transport if you are older or medically at risk if you're around people who are vulnerable to COVID-19 <p>Find out more here.</p>	<p>diagnosis and enter only when you no longer have any symptoms</p> <p>For out more here.</p>	
WA	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in crowded indoor spaces and where physical distancing is not possible <p>Find out more here.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stay home for at least 5 days and until your symptoms have resolved if you have tested positive to COVID-19 or are a close contact you should not visit or work in high-risk settings including hospitals, disability, mental health and aged care residential facilities and other healthcare settings for 7 days after the positive diagnosis <p>Find out more here.</p>	<p>STRONGLY RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> register positive RAT result online with the Department of Health <p>Find out more here.</p>
SA	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if you have tested positive to COVID-19 or are a close contact, wear a mask when indoors or on public transport <p>Find out more here.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stay home until your acute symptoms have cleared (usually 5 to 7 days) don't visit people at high risk of severe illness, or anyone in a hospital, or aged or disability care facility for at least 7 days after the positive diagnosis <p>Find out more here.</p>	<p>MANDATORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you must report a positive COVID-19 RAT result with the Department of Health <p>Find out more here and in the Public Health Direction.</p>
TAS	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in indoor settings especially where physical distancing is not possible and the risk in the community is high if you have tested positive to COVID-19, you should wear a face mask when indoors and on public transport. 	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stay home if you have ongoing respiratory symptoms (cough, runny nose, sore throat, difficulty breathing) and take extra precautions in the days following to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19 	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> notify positive RAT result to Public Health positive RAT results cannot be registered after 10 days <p>Find out more here.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> if you are at higher risk of respiratory illness like COVID-19 and flu, or are in contact with others who are <p>Find out more here.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid large gatherings and indoor crowded places for at least seven days Don't visit people at high risk of severe illness, anyone in hospital, or an aged or disability care facility for at least seven days. <p>Find out more here.</p>	
ACT	<p>MANDATORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> staff and visitors entering a high-risk setting staff providing a service to a person with a disability staff who are working for an in-home and community aged care provider <p>STRONGLY RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in indoor public spaces for people who have tested positive to COVID-19 if they need to leave the home, and for household contacts of people with COVID-19 <p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> on public transport and in public indoor spaces if you can <p>Find out more here and in the Public Health Direction.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stay at home and take steps to protect those around you if you need to leave the house: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> avoid attending large gatherings or crowded indoor places avoid high-risk settings, like hospitals, aged or disability care facilities avoid visiting people at higher risk of severe illness for at least 7 days if you cannot delay visits to a high-risk setting, seek prior approval from the place and follow any COVID-19 policies or guidance they have in place <p>Find out more here.</p>	<p>MANDATORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> must register positive COVID-19 RAT result with ACT Health <p>Find out more here and in the Public Health Direction.</p>
NT	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in indoor and outdoor settings where physical distancing is not possible <p>REQUIRED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> when visiting NT Health hospitals and health care facilities <p>Find out more here.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stay home if unwell, even if your symptoms are mild avoid visiting people at high risk of severe illness, people in hospital, aged care or disability facility for at least 7 days <p>Find out more here.</p>	<p>RECOMMENDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> register positive RAT result with NT Health <p>Find out more here.</p>

COVID-19: QLD Traffic Light System (Amber from 11 November 2022)

Red	Amber	Green
<p>Means there are high rates of community transmission and Queensland is entering or in a COVID-19 wave.</p> <p>When the traffic light is red, we recommend you wear a mask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> indoors, even if you can socially distance on public transport if you're older or medically at risk if you're around people vulnerable to COVID-19 <p>People who are older or have medical conditions can be more vulnerable to serious illness if they get COVID-19.</p> <p>Places where it's more likely people may have COVID-19 include healthcare settings such as hospital emergency departments and general practitioner (GP) waiting rooms.</p> <p>Take a rapid antigen test (RAT) if you get COVID-19 symptoms – or every two days, if someone in your household tests positive to COVID-19.</p> <p>If you get COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> register your RAT result stay home until you're well again wear a mask for 7 days after you test positive avoid visiting hospitals, aged care, or disability care for 7 days after you test ask household members to closely monitor symptoms. <p>You should always stay home if you're sick, maintain good hygiene and keep up to date with your vaccinations.</p>	<p>Means there are moderate rates of community transmission and Queensland is coming off a wave or may be entering a new wave.</p> <p>When the traffic light is amber, we recommend you wear a mask:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in healthcare settings indoors, if you can't socially distance on public transport if you are older or medically at risk if you're around people who are vulnerable to COVID-19 if required by a venue or household. <p>People who are older or have medical conditions can be more vulnerable to serious illness if they get COVID-19.</p> <p>Places where it's more likely people may have COVID-19 include healthcare settings such as hospital emergency departments and general practitioner (GP) waiting rooms.</p> <p>Take a rapid antigen test (RAT) if you get COVID-19 symptoms – or every two days, if someone in your household tests positive to COVID-19.</p> <p>If you get COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> register your RAT result stay home until you're well again wear a mask for 7 days after you test positive avoid visiting hospitals, aged care, or disability care for 7 days after you test ask household members to closely monitor symptoms. <p>You should always stay home if you're sick, maintain good hygiene and keep up to date with your vaccinations.</p>	<p>Means there are low rates of community transmission and Queensland is not in a COVID-19 wave.</p> <p>When the traffic light is green, it is recommended you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> stay home if you're sick keep up to date with your vaccinations maintain good hygiene take a rapid antigen test (RAT) if you get COVID-19 symptoms if required by a healthcare provider, venue, or household. <p>If you get COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> register your RAT result stay home until you're well again wear a mask for 7 days after you test positive avoid visiting hospitals, aged care, or disability care for 7 days after you test ask household members to closely monitor symptoms.

Find out more about [Qld's COVID-19 Traffic Light System](#)