



STUDENT ATTENDANCE GUIDELINE FOR PARENTS – COVID-19 – TERM 1, 2021

Knox is seeking to ensure the health and safety of all its staff, students and the broader school community as staff and students continue working and learning on campus in the context of Covid-19.

A key element of this, and the purpose of this Guideline, is to seek to prevent students having or possibly having COVID-19 from entering, or remaining upon, any of the school campuses.

GUIDELINE

1. Consistent with the School's policy on entry to School campuses, the School requires parents/guardians to ensure that students do not come to school or participate in school sport or a school event at any location if they:
 - a. Have tested positive to Covid-19.
 - b. Are unwell or showing symptoms – and in particular:
 - i. Have flu or cold like symptoms including a fever, sore throat, dry cough, or
 - ii. are fatigued or having difficulty breathing/experiencing shortness of breath, or
 - iii. have lost their sense of smell or taste.
 - c. Have recently had (but no longer have) any of the symptoms noted above – until before returning, a copy of a negative test result for Covid-19 has been sighted and received by the School for the student (in respect of a test undertaken after the onset of the symptoms).
 - d. Have had any of the symptoms noted above and tested negative, but the symptoms have persisted beyond 10 days – until they have:
 - i. been seen (including via video/tele health link) by a doctor;
 - ii. followed the doctor's advice, which may include being retested;
 - iii. cleared by the doctor to attend school; and
 - iv. before returning, provided documentation from the doctor in support of their return.
 - e. Have been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19 (whether known to you or because you attended a close contact location) until you have met the requirements of NSW Health for release from isolation:
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/release-from-isolation.aspx>
including having had an initial negative test, after the time of last contact, isolated for 14 days, displayed no symptoms during that time and, tested negative on day 12 of that period and, before returning, provided the School (student reception, Student Attendance Officer (SAO) or otherwise as advised) with a copy of their negative test result for Covid-19 from a test on day 12 of the 14 day period.

- f. Have been in close contact with a suspected case of Covid-19 (until the suspected person has tested negative and a copy of the negative result has been sighted by the School). Members of the same household are close contacts.
 - g. Or a member of their family/household have:
 - i. returned from overseas in the last 24 days unless they/their household member have met the requirements of NSW Health for release from isolation and the School has sighted and received a copy of their medical clearance to be released from isolation.
 - ii. been at a casual contact venue or locations identified by NSW Health, requiring testing and self-isolation, until a negative test result is received - on the days/times noted – until the person's negative test result has been provided to the School - see <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>
 - iii. been at any New Zealand or interstate location identified through links on the NSW Health website here: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/case-locations-and-alerts.aspx> unless they have met any applicable advice or requirements regarding isolation and testing
 - h. Or a member of their family/household, within the last 14 days, have:
 - i. been at any of the venues or premises or on a public transport route:
 1. identified by NSW Health, requiring monitoring of symptoms, on the days and within the time periods set out [See: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>] or
 2. otherwise named as a venue or premise where a person who has tested positive to Covid-19 has been, on the days and within the time periods identified/published,
 - ii. resided, stayed overnight or worked in an area specified in a Covid-19 Concerns Notice,
without first notifying your child's Head of School/Academy and co-operating with the School in assessing and addressing risk to your own child's and others' health and safety, which may include your child learning from home for a period of time and being tested for Covid-19.
2. As a parent/guardian, each day prior to arriving at School, or attending school sport or a school event at any location :
 - a. Assess whether your child is unwell or has any of the following symptoms:
 - A sore throat or dry cough.
 - A fever or chills.
 - Fatigue or shortness of breath/difficulty breathing.
 - A loss of their sense of smell or taste.
 - b. Take your child's temperature using a digital thermometer.
 3. If your child is unwell or showing any of the symptoms above, or has a temperature higher than **37.5** degrees:
 - a. Ensure your child remains at home and, if your child has any of the symptoms, however mild, is tested for Covid-19.
 - b. Notify the School as soon as practicable.
 - c. Keep your child at home and do not allow your child to return to campus until your child has recovered, has no symptoms and, where your child had symptoms, has received a negative test result for Covid-19.
 - d. Inform the School of your child's test result as soon as practicable after you receive it.

- e. Before your child returns, provide a copy of the negative result to the student reception or SAO as applicable.
- f. If, despite testing negative, your child's symptoms persist beyond 10 days, and where otherwise necessary or appropriate, consult a doctor and do not allow your child to return to school unless your child has been cleared (in writing) to return to school; providing a copy of the Clearance to the School.
- g. Update the School after you have consulted a doctor on the advice they provide you.
- h. Follow the advice of your doctor.

The health advice you receive, at the time of or following testing and/or from your doctor, will outline whether your child can return to campus safely or additional steps you may need to take before your child returns to campus.

If your child does not have a Covid-19 test or you do not provide the School with a negative Covid-19 test result, your child will need to remain away from School for a 10 day period, and must have been symptom-free for at least 3 days before returning to School.

In the interests of everyone's health and safety, if your child is feeling unwell or has any of the symptoms noted above please do not give your child headache or cold and flu tablets and suggest they 'soldier on' by attending campus.

If your child becomes unwell or develops symptoms after arriving at school or attending sport or another school event, your child is to notify their teacher or the person in charge of any activity. Your child will be asked to attend the Health Clinic for assessment (or the first aid room at WPS). It is likely that you will be contacted and asked to collect your child, taking their iPad or laptop, and charger, with you. If your child has symptoms, you should ensure that your child is tested promptly and that the School is notified of the result as soon as practicable after it is received.

ASSURANCE

By allowing your child to attend or remain at campus, or participate in a school sport or other school activity at any location, you are providing an assurance that:

1. Your child:
 - is not unwell, or showing any of the symptoms noted above,
 - having recently shown, but no longer showing, symptoms has been tested and received a negative test result,
 - where necessary or appropriate, has been cleared by a doctor to attend school,
 - before leaving home did not have a temperature higher than 37.5 degrees and
 - has not been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19.
2. Within the last 14 days your child, or a member of your family/household has not been:
 - at any of the places identified by NSW Health requiring testing and self-isolation for 14 days on the days and within the time periods identified/published or
 - at any of the places identified by NSW Health requiring testing and self-isolation until a negative test result is received, on the days and within the time periods identified/published - without the School having been provided with a copy of the negative test result; or
 - at any of the venues or premises:
 - identified by NSW Health, requiring monitoring of symptoms, on the days and within the time periods set or

- otherwise named as a venue or premise where a person who has tested positive to Covid-19 has been, on the days and within the time periods identified/published, without first notifying your child's Head of School/Academy and co-operating with the School in assessing and addressing risk.

[See: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>]

3. Within the last 24 days your child, or a member of your family/household, has not returned from overseas unless they/their household member have met the requirements of NSW Health for release from isolation and the School has sighted and received a copy of their medical clearance to be released from isolation.

DATE

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