

Harrison School Rapid Antigen Tests – Collection Information

Dear Families and Carers

This letter is to inform you how our school will distribute Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for use by students.

For the first 4 weeks of school, the ACT Government will provide 2 rapid antigen tests per week for **all on-campus students from pre-school to year 12**. RATs will also be available for all teachers and school-based staff. This will allow us to test anyone with symptoms and to quickly identify any positive COVID-19 cases. Testing is voluntary but **the use of RATs is strongly recommended for all students and staff, and early childhood education and care staff, twice-weekly at home before school or childcare.**

We will distribute the first week's RAT kits from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 3 February 2022. This will be a contactless collection process. Please follow the directions below:

1. Drive into the Harrison School main carpark to the first checkpoint (enter the carpark from the Wimmera Street primary school entrance). You will be asked to scan a QR code and enter your name and the names of your children.
2. Drive to the second checkpoint. Show the staff you have completed the QR code form. Staff will ask for your surname, and how many children are in your family. We will verify this information and sign off your collection.
3. Staff will pass your family's RAT Kits through your passenger car window. Please ensure you are wearing a mask at this time.

We will be distributing kits to families with **A-K surnames on Tuesday**, and to families with **J-Z surnames on Wednesday**. If you are unable to attend on Tuesday or Wednesday you will be able to collect your kits on Thursday. Please see below for the available times.

DAY	TIME	SURNAME starts with:
Tuesday 1 Feb	10:00am - 11:00am	A-J
Tuesday 1 Feb	4:00pm - 5:30pm	A-J
Wednesday 2 Feb	10:00am - 11:00am	K-Z
Wednesday 2 Feb	4:00pm - 5:30pm	K-Z
Thursday 3 Feb	10:00am - 11:00am	Families unable to attend on Tuesday or Wednesday
Thursday 3 Feb	4:00pm - 5:30pm	Families unable to attend on Tuesday or Wednesday

RAT kits should be collected from school by a parent or carer. Each student will receive two tests. The tests should be completed **at home in the morning before attending school twice a week OR on any day if you have symptoms**. RAT kits are a quick and easy screening tool that will support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. It is a simple process and results can be ready within 15 minutes. Instructions for use are included in the kits.

I appreciate your ongoing support in keeping our community safe. If you have any questions or concerns please contact our friendly front office team on 6142 2200.

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Executive Principal
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