

COVID -19 UPDATE at Emmanuel February 22

Dear Parents, Guardians and School Families

This email is to keep you updated about COVID-19 related matters at our school.

- Today, 1 Teacher and 6 school families with 9 students in our school (in years K, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) have been notified by the Health Department that they are a <u>close contact</u> to a COVID-19 positive person.
- The teacher had a negative Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) before the start of school today and left the school following Health Department advice, without taking any classes.
- The students were collected by their parents and are required to isolate at home for 7 days.

The next steps are:

- The close contact must be isolated from other household members, who should have no contact with close contacts.
- Only close contacts of a positive case need to self-quarantine.
- If the close contact becomes positive, then people considered their close contacts must get tested and isolate.
- On day 7 a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) is to be taken and if negative for COVID-19, persons may return to work
 or school.
- Please see attached Government information for TESTING AND ISOLATION PROTOCOLS.
- The WA Health Department, through AISWA, directs all action to be taken at schools.

All measures are aimed at keeping schools open and children safe whilst at school, with good ventilation of classrooms, masks worn by staff and students required to do so, regular cleaning of high touch surfaces, provision of sanitisers in all classrooms and routine attention to and reminders of good hygiene.

Unless otherwise directed, school will begin for staff and students at 8:30am tomorrow morning and we look forward to welcoming students as we do each day.

Please be assured that we will contact families as soon as we are advised of any issues affecting our School.

Keeping you informed and thanking you for your on-going support and prayerful care for our school community.

In Christian Service,

Carol Davis

Principal