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COVID-19 Update #8: Changes to the “Cleared Case” Period

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Queensland Government has announced an update to COVID-19 isolation protocols. The change relates to people who have had COVID-19 and are considered “cleared cases”.

Previously, cleared cases did not need to isolate or get tested if they re-presented with symptoms in the 12-week period after having contracted COVID-19. Current medical advice suggests that reinfections may occur as early as 28 days after recovery from a previous COVID-19 infection, therefore the Queensland Government has announced that the “cleared case” period will be **reduced from 12 weeks to 28 days (4 weeks)**.

This means that people who were previously infected with COVID-19 will need to get tested and isolate if they re-present with symptoms or return a positive test from **four** weeks after their initial infection.

This is likely to increase the number of students and staff requiring further isolation periods during Term 3.

A reminder that staff and students over 12 years who are returning to school after completing their isolation period must wear a mask for the next 7 days. While children between 2 - 12 years of age do not have to wear a face mask, they are encouraged to wear do so where it is safe.

The requirements for ending isolation are that you must not have any of the following symptoms on day 7:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Cough that is bad or getting worse.



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You do not need to stay in isolation if you still have some extended ongoing symptoms:

- Mild dry cough
- Mild fatigue
- Loss of taste or smell.

Further information can be found on the Queensland Government [COVID-19 website](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, as always please feel free to contact the College at office@sjc.qld.edu.au

Kind Regards

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