

What happens if a Positive Case attends a Girl Guide activity?

If a positive case attended a Girl Guide meeting or activity while they were infectious, it is the Unit Leader's responsibility to contact those who were in attendance and inform them that they are "close contacts" or "social contacts".

Social contacts with symptoms should be tested and isolate until they receive a negative result. It is recommended by Department of Health that social contacts without symptoms get a daily Rapid Antigen Test for five days.

If the Positive Case shared accommodation with other members, those who shared accommodation are designated as "close contacts". "Shared accommodation" is defined as sleeping in the same tent or room as the Positive Case, and/or spending four hours or more in the same indoor space as the Positive Case.

Close contacts no longer need to isolate. They do need to wear a face-mask while in public, avoid sensitive settings (e.g. nursing homes), and must undertake at least 5 negative Rapid Antigen tests across the 7-day period following the potential exposure.

Refer to Coronavirus Victoria's guidance on [positive cases, close contacts, and social contacts](#).

On being told that a positive case attended an activity, the Leader in Charge (supported by their District or Region Manager) should:

- Call the COVID Hotline on 1800 675 398 (24/7) for immediate advice.
- Contact Girl Guides Victoria by calling 03 8606 3500 (8am-5.30pm Monday-Friday) and/or emailing covidsafe@guidesvic.org.au for further advice.
- Inform the attendees (or families) that a positive case attended a Girl Guide activity. Attendees with symptoms should be tested (with either a PCR test or RAT) and isolate until they receive a result.
 - You should inform them in writing with an email (see below for a template).
 - Household members of those in attendance (e.g. their family) do not need to be tested unless they have symptoms.
- If at an external activity provider (e.g. indoor rock climbing): Inform the venue/provider. They may need to contact trace their staff and other patrons.
- If at a meeting venue not owned by Girl Guides Victoria (e.g. a community centre): Inform the venue as a courtesy.
- Where ongoing cleaning has occurred at the property prior to an exposure, there is no requirement for a COVID Deep Clean subsequent to a positive case attending Girl Guides.

What should we tell families if a Positive Case attended a Girl Guide activity?

Unless the positive case shared accommodation, the below text can be sent to families if a positive case attended a Girl Guide activity.

Dear Girl Guides & families,

Unfortunately, we have been informed that somebody who attended [name the meeting/activity, e.g. Excursion to All Fired Up] on [date of meeting/activity, e.g. Monday 2 February 2022] has since tested positive for COVID-19. They are currently in isolation for seven days from their test date. Their household contacts are also in isolation for seven days and will be tested at the end of their isolation period.

*Under the Coronavirus Directions, all other attendees are classified as “social contacts”. **Any social contacts with symptoms should be tested immediately and isolate until receiving a negative result.** It is recommended by the Department of Health that social contacts without symptoms undertake a daily Rapid Antigen test for five days if possible.*

In most cases, the Department of Health will not contact a positive case’s social contacts or provide direct advice. Refer to <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist> for more information.

Other members of your family or household who were not present do not need to isolate or be tested unless they have symptoms.

Please reach out to covidsafe@guidesvic.org.au if you have any questions or concerns. Urgent queries should be directed to the 24/7 COVID hotline on 1800 675 398.

Yours in Guiding,

etc.

What should we tell families if a Positive Case shared accommodation at an overnight event?

The below text can be sent to families if a positive case shared accommodation at an overnight event.

Dear Girl Guides & families,

Unfortunately, we have been informed that somebody who attended [name the overnight activity, e.g. Melbourne District Camp] on the night of [date(s) of event e.g. Friday 18 to Sunday 20 March 2022] and shared accommodation with you/your

Girl Guide has since tested positive for COVID. They will be required to self-isolate for seven days from their test date.

*Under the Pandemic Orders, any attendee that shared accommodation with a positive case is classified as a 'close (household) contact'. **Close contacts no longer need to isolate.** They do need to wear a face-mask while in public, avoid sensitive settings (e.g. nursing homes), and must undertake at least 5 negative Rapid Antigen tests across the 7-day period following the potential exposure.*

Refer to <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist> for more information.

Other members of your family or household who were not present do not need to isolate or be tested unless they have symptoms.

Please reach out to covidsafe@guidesvic.org.au if you have any questions or concerns. Urgent queries should be directed to the 24/7 COVID hotline on 1800 675 398.

Yours in Guiding,

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What happens if a Close Contact attends a Girl Guide activity?

If a contact of a positive case attended a Girl Guide meeting or activity, there is no longer a requirement for the other attendees to get tested or to isolate.

Refer to Coronavirus Victoria's guidance on [positive cases and social contacts](#).

Contacts of positive cases are not required to inform anybody else that they are contacts unless they subsequently test positive to COVID-19.

The above does not override any instructions provided by a medical professional and/or Departmental Official. It is informed by advice available on 22 April 2022, which is subject to change at any time.