Dear staff, parents and carers

**Re: update on COVID-19 exposure at UC SSC Lake Ginninderra**

ACT Health would like to update you on management of the COVID-19 exposure at UC SSC Lake Ginninderra gymnasium and cafeteria.

Firstly, we would like to thank the school community for completing the online declaration forms, attending for testing and acknowledge the impact that quarantine is having on your family.

At this time it is important all close contacts and all members of their households remain in quarantine, even if you have received a negative COVID-19 test result.

The close contact will need to be tested again towards the end of the 14-day period – and test negative – before your household can be released from quarantine. We will communicate with you soon about testing arrangements prior to exiting quarantine.

A close contact and their entire household should remain in home [isolation (quarantine)](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/quarantine-and-isolation) until they exit quarantine.

A reminder that the close contact exposure occurred from 10.00am to 1.30pm on Monday 9 August. This counts as day zero of quarantine. This means quarantine will finish on **Monday 23August 2021 at 11:59pm**, if the close contact has already received a negative result from their repeat test. If not, the quarantine will continue until a negative test result is received.

If you have been at other exposure locations after Monday 9 August, you may need to stay in quarantine longer.

**Further information**

If you or your family need support, please reach out to local services or contact the school on 61420222.

More information, advice, and resources are available on the [ACT COVID-19 website](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au). You can also access [frequently asked questions for schools](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/faqs-for-schools).

If you have any further questions that have not been addressed after reading the ACT Health information, please contact the ACT Education Directorate Parents and Carers Hotline (02) 6205 5429.

ACT Health will continue to work closely with the Education Directorate to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff is maintained.

Yours sincerely

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