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****新冠檢測要求修訂****

維州將在今天開始，採取昨天在全國內閣會議提出建議，將需要隔離及接受測試人士的要求修訂如下：

- 同住或密切接觸者 – 即與新冠病毒確診個案同住，或者當對方感染病毒時，於類似住宿的場所與其共聚超過四小時。
- 新冠病毒確診個案強制隔離日數，由接受測試日起 10 天改為 7 天。
- 標準核酸(PCR)檢測現在開放給任何出現徵狀人士及在快速抗原測試(RAT)結果呈陽性人士。
- 同住或密切接觸者如無出現徵狀，必須在隔離第 1 及第 6 天接受快速抗原測試。如有出現徵狀，則必須在隔離第 1 天接受標準核酸檢測，如結果呈陰性，則在隔離第 6 天接受快速抗原測試。
- 同住或密切接觸者如沒有快速抗原測試工具，則可到檢測中心接受標準核酸測試。至於無徵狀人士如沒有快速抗原測試工具，則可在隔離第 1 及第 6 天到檢測中心接受標準核酸測試。
- 如同住或密切接觸者的所有檢測結果均呈陰性，將在第 7 天開始解除隔離。政府也強烈建議他們繼續使用快速抗原測試，及在出現徵狀後或快速抗原測試結果呈陽性時，必須接受標準核酸測試

- 所有其他接觸類別(如社交、工作及教育場所接觸者)，在出現徵狀時必須盡快接受標準核酸檢測，及隔離至獲得陰性檢測結果為止。
- 如這類別人士無出現徵狀，則強烈建議他們連續 5 天使用快速抗原測試。如沒有快速抗原測試工具，他們需要留意有否出現徵狀，及出現徵狀後盡快接受標準核酸檢測。
- 至於維州其他無徵狀或非上述接觸者類別居民也需時刻保持警覺。
- 新指引適用於現時正在隔離的人士。例如有一個案在 12 月 25 日接受檢測後確診，隔離期原在 1 月 4 日結束，現提前至 1 月 1 日。
- 海外旅客現在可以選擇在到埗後接受快速抗原測試及在第 5 至 7 日進行一次標準核酸檢測，但不需要接受隔離。任何人士如出現徵狀或在快速抗原測試呈陽性結果，則必須接受標準核酸檢測及隔離至出現陰性結果為止。
- 詳細資料可參考 <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist>

資訊來源：

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/testing-changes-focus-highest-risk-victorians>

Testing Changes To Focus On Highest-Risk Victorians

31 December 2021

Victoria will operationalise isolation and testing requirements for COVID-19 cases and contacts recommended by National Cabinet yesterday, with new pandemic orders taking effect from 11:59pm last night.

The orders are an extension of Victoria's current settings, which reduced the isolation burden for many when they were introduced in November and defined a household (or close) contact as someone who lives with a case or has spent four or more hours with them in a house, care facility or accommodation.

Under the new orders Victorians who test positive to COVID-19 must isolate for seven days from the date of their test. This is reduced from 10 days.

The orders also mean a change in the way Victorians access PCR tests. PCR tests in Victoria will now be available for anyone who has symptoms and anyone who has tested positive on a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT).

Under the new orders, household contacts who do not have symptoms must use a Rapid Antigen Test on Day 1 and Day 6 of their isolation period and household contacts who are symptomatic must have a PCR test on Day 1 – if they're negative, they then use a RAT on Day 6 of their isolation period.

For these contacts, if a RAT is not available, a PCR can be used instead. If people who do not have symptoms cannot access a RAT test, they can seek a PCR for their day 1 or day 6 test.

Contacts can release themselves from isolation on Day 7 with a negative result on these tests. Out of caution, household contacts are strongly recommended to use RATs on other days, too – and must get a PCR test if symptoms emerge or if they test positive on a RAT.

All other contacts, like social, workplace and education contacts who have symptoms are required to get a PCR test and isolate until their result, just like any Victorian.

If these contacts don't have symptoms, they are strongly recommended to use a RAT every day for five days. If people cannot access a RAT test, they should monitor for symptoms and seek a PCR if symptoms emerge.

Victorians who don't have symptoms and who aren't contacts are asked to always monitor for symptoms and stay COVIDSafe

Under the new orders, positive cases will now also be required to inform their household and social contacts of their positive result and of the isolation and testing protocols that apply – just like they already have to with their workplace or education settings.

With any surge in cases, this change will mean faster advice and clearer direction to household contacts, coming directly from the people who know them best.

The new orders apply retroactively to cases or contacts who are currently quarantining or isolating. For example, a case who got tested on December 25 and returned a positive result – currently isolating until January 4 – will now isolate until January 1.

International travellers will now have the option of completing a RAT on arrival and day 5-7 instead of a PCR test, and they will not be required to isolate. Anyone who is symptomatic or returns a positive RAT is required to get a PCR test and isolate until the results are known.

Victorians can see what they have to do if they are a case or a contact by visiting coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Health Martin Foley

“These measures strike a balance between containing the risks of COVID-19 to help support a testing system that is efficient and effective in an environment of high case numbers.”

“Victorians now need to remember to get a PCR if you have symptoms, or if you have had a positive result on a Rapid Antigen Test. For everything else, use Rapid Antigen Tests, monitor for symptoms, and stay COVIDSafe.”

“More than 10 per cent of Victorians aged 18 and over have already received their third dose and almost 93 per cent of Victorians 12 and over are fully vaccinated. If you haven’t booked your appointment, please book today.”

Sources from :

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