This is the most up to date information on Covid 19 cases and Close contacts.

**Public health advice in place right now**

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Face masks are no longer mandatory. However, they are still advised:

* on public transport
* in healthcare settings

**Stay safe**

COVID-19 is still with us and there are critical components which still require our collective response:

* isolate if you are symptomatic (even if you are fully vaccinated and boosted) or if you are diagnosed with COVID-19
* complete your [primary and booster programme of vaccination](https://www2.hse.ie/screening-and-vaccinations/covid-19-vaccine/get-the-vaccine/)
* continue to [manage risk](https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/c7c67-be-risk-aware/) for yourself and others who are more vulnerable. You can do this by wearing masks, physical distancing and avoiding crowds as well as maintaining basic hand and respiratory hygiene

The following public health advice will continue to be important:

* the continuation of mask wearing on public transport
* the continuation of mask wearing in healthcare settings in line with evolving national guidance
* continuing infection prevention and control measures in early learning settings, school-aged childcare and schools, including ventilation, hygiene measures and advice to stay at home if symptomatic
* current arrangements in place in respect of the schools’, early learning and school-aged care facilities’ antigen testing programme will also continue

**COVID-19 symptoms, cases and close contacts**

**If you have a confirmed COVID-19 infection**

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| **Age** | **Mask you should wear** | **Isolation period** |
| 13 years and older | Medical grade or FFP2 for 10 days | 7 days |
| 0-12 years | Well-fitted mask (9–12yrs) for 10 days | 7 days |

**If you have symptoms of COVID-19**

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| **Who you are** | **Testing requirement** |
| If you are aged aged 55 years and older AND unboosted | Self isolate and get a PCR test. Follow public health advice on test result |
| If you have a high-risk medical condition | Self isolate and get a PCR test. Follow public health advice on test result |
| If you are immunocompromised | Self isolate and get a PCR test. Follow public health advice on test result |
| If you live in the same household as a person who is immunocompromised | Self isolate and get a PCR test. Follow public health advice on test result |
| If you provide care or support for person they know to be immunocompromised | Self isolate and get a PCR test. Follow public health advice on test result |
| If you are pregnant | Self isolate and get a PCR test. Follow public health advice on test result |
| **All others** | No test required but self-isolate until 48 hours after symptoms resolve |
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**If you are a close contact**

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| **Who you are** | **Testing requirement** |
| If you are a healthcare worker identified as a household close contact | Repeat antigen testing is required, unless you have recovered from COVID-19 in previous 3 months |
| All other close contacts | No test required if not symptomatic, self-isolate if symptoms develop |