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Weekly Comms from Mark Gladigau, Acting Executive Director: People, Talent and Culture

Weekly Staff Comms Re: COVID-19 Update

As part of the ongoing management of the coronavirus pandemic, the National Cabinet and SA Government recently reviewed COVID-19 restrictions and mandates. From 14 October 2022, staff who test positive for COVID-19 will no longer be required to isolate, and the University strongly encourages those staff to take the following steps consistent with SA Health advice, to help protect our community:

1. Stay home until acute symptoms have cleared (usually 5 to 7 days).
2. Wear a mask when in indoor places or on public transport if you must leave your home.
3. Advise your line manager/supervisor you have tested positive and discuss what options are available to you (eg work from home, accessing leave if you are unwell and not able to work).
4. Avoid large gatherings and crowded places.
5. Not visit people at high risk of severe illness, or anyone in a hospital, aged care, or disability care facility for at least 7 days.

The [University's COVID reporting requirements](#) remain in effect for notification of positive COVID-19 cases and close contacts, and we ask all members of the University community to continue to practice physical distancing, hand and sneeze/cough hygiene. Wearing of masks is a personal choice, noting that SA Health advice is that mask wearing is an effective method for the reduction of transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses and contribute to the protection of members of our University community. Please note that certain university activities and settings (e.g. health settings) do *require* mask wearing under ongoing public health mandates.

The [COVID-19 FAQs for Staff](#) have been updated to reflect the current requirements. If you have any further questions, you may refer to the University's [COVID-19 Support for Staff](#) website or contact [People Central](#).

For further advice and/or information on the recent changes to the SA Government restrictions and mandates, please visit [SA Health's COVID-19 Health Information](#) website.