



NSW RFS COVID-19 Response Action Process

As at 1 November 2022

Follow the advice on the [NSW Government website](#) for general information on managing COVID-19, including testing requirements. The below information outlines additional requirements set by the NSW RFS to maintain operational capability and service delivery.



If you've tested positive to COVID-19

It's important you take steps to protect yourself and those around you, especially at RFS locations.

- › Do not physically attend RFS locations or activities for five days since the date of your positive test result.
- › For staff, you can work from home, if you're well enough to do so and your role allows for it.
- › If after five days you have no symptoms, you can resume normal duties.
- › If you have symptoms at day five, do not attend RFS locations or activities for seven days since the date of your positive test result.
- › It's recommended you wear a mask while attending RFS locations or activities for at least seven days upon your return.
- › Notify the OCC on 1800 RFS OPS or email state.operations@rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Member Responsibility

Each member must ensure they comply with [NSW RFS Service Standard 7.1.9 COVID-19 Vaccination](#) and keep up to date with NSW Health communications on the NSW Government website.

Testing

Rapid Antigen Test kits are available for RFS volunteers and staff to assist with identifying COVID in RFS workplaces and locations.

Site and Appliance Cleaning

Maintain a high standard of cleaning and hygiene. Check [COVID-19 Fact Sheet - NSW RFS Site and Appliance Cleaning](#)

Mandatory Vaccination Status Reporting

All members are required to record their vaccination status with the RFS. Check [Fact Sheet - Recording of COVID-19 Vaccination Status](#)

Staff leave provisions

Check the [DPC Circular - Employment Arrangements during COVID-19](#).

If an RFS employee is sick, current sick leave entitlements and conditions apply. Evidence is required by way of [registration of a positive test result](#), or medical certificate for more than two days sick leave.

Where an RFS employee is not sick but is directed not to attend the workplace due to testing positive to COVID-19, work from home arrangements will be considered. Where work from home is not viable, staff are to be paid as normal and are placed on paid special leave for up to 20 days. Evidence is required by way of [registration of a positive test result](#).



If you're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

If you're sick, take steps to protect those around you – even if it's not COVID-19.

- › If you're experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, get tested. If your test is positive, follow the steps above.
- › If you have symptoms (such as a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of taste or smell) but your test is negative, consider working from home if you're well enough to do so and your role allows for it. If you do attend RFS locations, it's recommended you wear a mask while your symptoms continue.



If you've been in contact with a COVID-19 case

Monitor for symptoms.

- › If you have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, monitor for symptoms and get tested if symptoms occur.
- › You can continue normal duties, however if you develop symptoms follow the steps above.
- › If you're living with someone with COVID, follow the advice on the NSW Government website such as maintaining physical distance and wearing a mask.