

Junior Science Academy and COVID-19

The information below addresses concerns and questions you may have regarding Junior Science Academy and COVID-19.

Health and Hygiene

Children who are unwell, including those with fever (37.5° or higher), loss of taste, loss of smell, shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, or other symptoms of respiratory infection, **should not** attend Junior Science Academy. Staff will ask parents to immediately collect children who appear unwell while attending Junior Science Academy.

NSW Health encourages people who live in, or have visited any of the [areas for increased testing](#) in the last two weeks to get tested, even if they have the mildest of [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

If you have visited a venue with a confirmed COVID-19 case, you may need to take further action. See the list of locations where visitors are advised to [self-isolate and get tested immediately](#) or [monitor for symptoms](#).

Children should not attend Junior Science Academy if:

- They, or their immediate family, have been to a location identified by NSW Health and are required to self-isolate
- They have had a COVID-19 test and are awaiting the results
- They, or their immediate family, have tested positive for COVID-19 and are required to self-isolate
- They are a close contact of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days

Please inform staff immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19.

The best way to avoid getting sick with COVID-19 (or any other virus) is to ensure that you practise good personal hygiene. NSW Health recommends:

- Clean your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based hand rub (the JSA will provide regular opportunities and washing facilities throughout each day).
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or a flexed elbow
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Practice cough etiquette (keep away from other people, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and clean your hands).
- Maintain a physical distance of 1.5 meters from others as much as possible and wear a mask if this is not possible.

We will be speaking to children at the start of each class to discuss hygiene measures and we will re-enforce these messages throughout the day. Staff may choose to wear a mask and will practice physical distancing where possible.

Refunds/ cancelling classes

Should the University need to cancel Junior Science Academy classes for children in the upcoming school holidays, a full refund will be provided.

Please refer to the Refund/cancellation information on the website for details about all other situations.

General information

Please refer to the [NSW Health](#) website for more information about COVID-19 and the Macquarie University [COVID-19 web page](#) for more information specific to the University.

We will continue to monitor the advice from both the Federal Government and NSW Health and will provide updates as necessary.