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RAPID ANTIGEN TEST UPDATE

Dear parents/carers,

The NSW Government has announced the next phase of rapid antigen test (RAT) usage in schools, which aligns to community settings of 'symptomatic testing'. Students in NSW will no longer be required to take twice-weekly RATs after this week.

As per the Department of Education's guidelines, schools;

- have provided students with enough RATs to continue regular testing until 25 February – twice-weekly,
- will provide an additional 8 tests per student to use as needed for the remainder of the term.

Students can use their final bundle of RATs should they be symptomatic or if there are cases in their class. Beyond that, RATs and PCR tests are now widely available and accessible in the community for symptomatic testing.

If a student receives a positive RAT test, they need to;

- record the positive RAT result through the Service NSW website or Service NSW app
- notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR test result as soon as possible
- follow NSW Health advice to isolate for 7 days

Negative results do not need to be reported to Service NSW or to the school.

The provision of RATs for students remains voluntary and only those parents/carers who have previously provided permission through the School Stream app will be supplied with their final bundle this week.

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