

## PROTOCOL FOR COVID-19 RELATED SYMPTOMS OR SELF ISOLATION OF STUDENTS IN RURAL ACCOMODATION

*Students who have been close contacts or suspect they have COVID-19 symptoms whilst staying in rural accommodation are required to:*

Step 1: Follow Public Health advice: <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/> or call the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738

Step 2: Contact Safety and Wellbeing via email [COVID@utas.edu.au](mailto:COVID@utas.edu.au)

*Self-isolation is required if you:*

- have been tested for COVID-19 and haven't yet received a result
- have been diagnosed with COVID-19
- are suspected of having COVID-19.

If you are unsure about the need to self-isolate, information and directions are available through the Public Health website <https://www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au/>

The University of Tasmania's Safety & Wellbeing team has a link for further information <https://www.utas.edu.au/safety-and-wellbeing/information-and-documents/risk-topics/covid-safe/health-advice>

General queries can be directed to the Department of Health Emergency Coordination Centre email address [covid19@health.tas.gov.au](mailto:covid19@health.tas.gov.au)

*Students needing to travel home from rural accommodation:*

If required to self-isolate while in student accommodation, it is preferred you return straight home safely to self-isolate by either:

- driving yourself if safe to do so, or
- by collection from a friend or family member following all Public Health Guidelines

If you require a stop while travelling home (eg. refuel/driving break), you are to

- wear a surgical mask, practise social distancing, and undertake proper hand hygiene

If you are unable to travel due to practicalities, please contact the Safety & Wellbeing team (in Step 2 above) to discuss possible options.

*If you are notified you have tested positive to COVID-19:*

- **DURING BUSINESS HOURS:** contact [COVID@utas.edu.au](mailto:COVID@utas.edu.au) and Safety & Wellbeing on 6226 6298
- **OUTSIDE BUSINESS HOURS:** contact [COVID@utas.edu.au](mailto:COVID@utas.edu.au) and University Security on 6226 7600