

Keeping our learners, clients and staff safe.

Our borders open on 15 December, and as a community we need to work together to support each other as we all adjust to living with cases of COVID-19 in our community.

To keep our learners, clients and staff as safe as possible a number of COVID safe measures will be in place in our schools, libraries and Child and Family Learning Centres (CFLCs).

All our COVID-19 safety measures are being put in place across all sites in line with Public Health advice. The combined effect of these measures ensure we are providing safe places for our learners, staff and the wider community.



Hygiene and Physical Distancing:

We know that increased hygiene practices and abiding by the physical distancing requirements have a positive impact on slowing the spread of COVID-19. The following will remain in place for all sites:

- Staff, students and community members staying home if unwell and getting tested if they have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Retaining high levels of personal hygiene practices, especially handwashing and sanitising regularly.
- Maintaining physical distancing practices and any density requirements for all sites.
- Maintaining increased COVID safe cleaning practices for all sites.
- Vulnerable students will be supported on an individual basis, working with parents and carers. This could include additional medical advice within the student's medical action plan.



Vaccination:

Vaccination is the best way to protect our students, staff and families against contracting COVID-19 and reducing disease transmission.

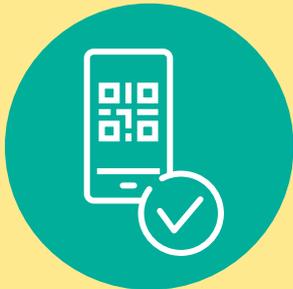
- By 9 February all Department of Education staff attending the workplace will be vaccinated. (Non-school based staff will need to be vaccinated by 21 January 2022 and school-based staff by 9 February 2022).
- We will continue to support the Department of Health with vaccination clinics for children and young people delivered through schools.
- All volunteers and contractors will be required to have been vaccinated.



Ventilation and outdoor learning environments:

Increasing ventilation to enhance airflow indoors, and maximising the use of outdoor learning environments, will help reduce opportunities for transmission of COVID-19.

- Ventilation levels and air flow are being increased, including repairs to windows so they open, maintenance of heating and cooling systems undertaken and the use of air purifiers in learning areas where appropriate.
- Schools are also encouraged to maximise the use of outdoor learning areas and environments. We are working with schools and CFLCs to identify further opportunities for outdoor learning and to support enhancements to outdoor learning environments that could significantly increase flexibility for sites to provide outdoor learning.



Safe Site Management:

We are managing all of our sites in accordance with Public Health advice:

- All visitors must continue to check in using the Check in Tas system.
- All sites have COVID-safe plans which are regularly reviewed and updated.
- We have procedures in place to manage confirmed cases of COVID-19 on any of our sites.
- We will continue to limit non-essential visitors on to school sites, as required, to enable physical distancing and density provisions to be adhered to.
- All visitors entering our sites must be vaccinated. Visitors who are exempt will be required to wear a mask. (This will not apply to parents and carers attending school sites for pick up and drop off who do not enter school buildings).



Face masks:

Face masks are one key strategy that can be used to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

- Face masks will be used where required, in line with any Public Health advice.
- All schools are provided a sufficient supply of masks to ensure universal provision (for students 12 years and above) when needed.
- All sites will be supported to maintain and purchase an appropriate level of masks from local suppliers, with supplies held centrally for emergency resupply if required.