

COVID Safety in Schools Plan

To be in place for the first 5 weeks of Term 1*



Educators, School-based Staff and Early Childhood Education & Care Staff

- ✦ Leverage wider pool of educators (trained departmental and retired staff) to assist with teaching continuity, in the first instance and if required.
- ✦ Exemption from close contact quarantine protocols to attend work, unless symptomatic or a diagnosed case.
- ✦ Undertake Rapid Antigen Tests when symptomatic.
- ✦ Access to a supply of masks, which must be worn when teaching indoors, except if clear enunciation is required.

Schools and Early Childhood Education & Care

- ✦ Provided a supply of masks for educators and children/students.
- ✦ Supplied with Rapid Antigen Tests (enough for two per student, per week, should they be required).
- ✦ Virtual Learning approaches in place to support students required to isolate.
- ✦ Outbreak Management Plans in place. A class outbreak is determined when five or more cases occur in students and staff from a class within 7 days of each other, with Public Health to support if and when required. In most circumstances when this occurs, staff and students from that classroom would be tested immediately and then every 2 - 3 days, quarantining only if symptomatic or positive.
- ✦ Increased ventilation.
- ✦ Outdoor learning to be optimised.
- ✦ Breaks to be staggered where required.
- ✦ Increased COVID-19 safe cleaning is in place at all schools.
- ✦ **Dedicated education COVID liaison for schools, early childhood education & care to contact:**
P: 1800 816 057 E: COVID19support@education.tas.gov.au
W: www.education.tas.gov.au

School Sport, Activities and Excursions

- ✦ To progress as normal, with COVID safe practices in place.
- ✦ Masks are not worn when outdoors.
- ✦ Masks are not worn when undertaking vigorous physical activity indoors.

Vulnerable students

- ✦ Schools will prepare a personalised approach to support students with disability, complex health needs or who are medically vulnerable, prior to the student commencing school, in consultation with parents/carers.

Early Childhood Education & Care

Primary School
K - Year 6

Secondary School
Year 7 - Year 12

Back to School COVID Care

Back to School COVID Care package provided to parents, with two tests to use if child/student develops symptoms.

Face masks

Face masks are not required for children/students.

While not mandatory, masks will be available at schools for students who choose to wear them.

Masks are mandatory for students in indoor settings and will be supplied by the schools.

Ongoing testing

Ongoing tests (up to two per child/student, per week) to be supplied by schools to students to take home if symptomatic.

Close contact definition

Children/students are not defined as close contacts in a classroom exposure unless advised by Public Health directly to the school or services.

Case notifications

If a case is detected in the classroom or services, parents and carers will be notified and asked to monitor child/student for symptoms and test if symptoms develop.

Quarantine requirements

Children/students who are close contacts of a household case, must follow the quarantine guidelines. Quarantine for 7 days and test on days 1 and 6.

COVID-19 case

If a child/student tests positive, they must quarantine for at least 7 days and return to school once symptom free.

Keep practising these COVID safe behaviours



wear masks where required



symptoms? get tested



stay home if sick



stay up to date