

COVID-safe schools plan

Weeks 6-10, Term 1, 2022

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safe

Being at school is the best place for our students. The first five weeks of school has shown us that when we work together and have COVID-safe measures in place, our schools can safely stay open and student learning thrives. This is our plan for Tasmanian Government schools for the rest of Term 1, 2022 - to keep our schools safe and make every day of learning count.

Commencing 15 March ▶ Week 6 ▶ Week 7 ▶ Week 8 ▶ Week 9 ▶ Week 10 ▶ **Review and continue future planning**

Early childhood services

(including childcare programs and Out of School Hours Care)

Face-to-face learning will continue with COVID-safe measures in place.

Students with disability that have complex health needs will continue to be supported by their school with individual learning plans.

Regular school and learning activities will continue in a COVID-safe manner.

Testing for COVID-19 when you have symptoms will continue. Students and staff will have access to rapid antigen tests at their school, to use if they have symptoms. If there is a COVID-19 case in your child's classroom, your school will let you know and ask you to monitor for symptoms - you do not need to isolate and can continue going to school. If your child is unwell, please keep them home and get tested.

COVID-19 cases will be safely managed by Public Health. Every school has a dedicated COVID-19 support person, who works closely with Public Health if there are COVID-19 cases. Families will be contacted directly about any COVID-19 impacts at their school.

Learning at home via the Virtual Learning Centre with the support of an online teacher will continue if students need to isolate due to COVID-19. If your child is a household close contact, they can do online learning while isolating at home for seven days. If your child is a COVID-19 case, they can do online learning if they feel well, and return to school if they have no symptoms after seven days.

Workforce planning strategies are in place to ensure there are enough staff in schools.

Primary schools

(including childcare programs and Out of School Hours Care)

Secondary schools

(including vocational placements and school-based apprenticeships)

Keeping up our COVID-safe measures (they're important)



Vaccination:

Children aged 5+ years will continue to be encouraged to be vaccinated - vaccination is not mandatory for a child to attend school. All Department of Education staff, including volunteers and contractors, are vaccinated.



Face masks:

All adults will continue to wear face masks, however, teachers may remove their masks if required to assist clear communication when teaching (for example, to meet the needs of a student with disability). Primary school students still do not need to wear face masks, but can if they choose. Secondary school students must continue to wear face masks. Medical exemptions apply. Face masks are available at school, if needed.



Ventilation:

Open windows and air purifiers will continue to be used in classrooms.



Outdoor learning:

Schools will continue to take advantage of outdoor learning opportunities.



Physical distancing:

All adults will continue to keep a physical distance of 1.5 metres from each other.



Hygiene practices:

Regular handwashing and sanitising will continue.



Cleaning:

Frequent cleaning will continue, particularly on high-touch surfaces.



Safe site management:

Non-essential visitors will continue to be limited, and schools will regularly review their COVID-19 safety plans.



Groups:

Mixing of students and staff will continue to be limited where possible.

► *Access the detailed operational plan at education.tas.gov.au/COVID-19*