

Public Health Controls – School Environment

This guide is to be used by schools and sessional kindergartens as a quick check for actions, required under the response levels to COVID-19, and is to be read in conjunction with the COVID-19 Safe Plan and any supporting operational guidelines or procedures. Key principles for reducing transmission of COVID-19 will be implemented at all response levels.

Activity		Response Level 1 – COVID normal Incorporating key principles for reducing transmission of COVID-19	Response Level 2 – Transition out of outbreak	Response Level 3 – Known community transmission, local government area lockdown	Response Level 4 – Widespread community transmission
Students	Learning	COVID normal	Local decision or CHO mandate – on-site learning/online learning from Day 4 (children of essential workers and vulnerable children as directed by the CHO)	Online learning from Day 4 (children of essential workers and vulnerable children as directed by the CHO)	Online learning (children of essential workers and vulnerable children as directed by the CHO)
	Absence recording	COVID normal	COVID-19 related absence	COVID-19 related absence	COVID-19 related absence
Staff (including preservice teachers)	Attendance	COVID normal	Local decision or CHO mandate – on-site/working from alternate location (vulnerable person consideration)	Local decision or CHO mandate – on-site/working from alternate location (vulnerable person consideration)	Working from alternate location (vulnerable person consideration)
	Meetings	COVID normal – physical distancing required (1.5 m)	Can occur – physical distancing required (1.5 m)	Can occur – physical distancing (1.5 m) + face masks required	Online only



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School activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies • Instrumental music • Choirs • Performances • Sporting activities • Dancing • Using shared equipment 	Onsite	COVID normal Audience to physically distance 2 metres from performers/participants	COVID-19 cleaning of equipment Students to physically distance (1.5 m) Audience physically distance 2 metres from performers/participants	Students will not be undertaking these activities or events	Students not at school/kindergarten
	Offsite	COVID normal Audience to physically distance 2 metres from performers/participants	Can occur – under a COVID Safe Event Checklist or COVID Safe Industry Plan		
School and kindergarten functions	Onsite	COVID normal	Can occur – physical distancing required (1.5 m) for adults	Cannot occur	Cannot occur
	Offsite	COVID normal	Can occur – under a COVID Safe Event Checklist or COVID Safe Industry Plan		
Ticketed or seated events		Ticketed functions are allowed up to 100% seated capacity	Physical distancing required (1.5 m) for adults	Students not undertaking events	Students not undertaking events
Provision of food/tuckshops		COVID normal (if self-service, pre-prepare single-serve portions)	No buffet or sharing of implements	No buffet or sharing of implements	Not permitted



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Excursions and camps	COVID normal	Can occur at a facility operating under a COVID Safe Industry Plan or using a COVID Safe Checklist	Can occur at a facility operating under a COVID Safe Industry Plan or using a COVID Safe Checklist	Not to occur
Health support procedures	COVID normal	COVID-19 level PPE required	COVID-19 level PPE required	Students not at school/kindergarten
Playgrounds and school facilities	COVID normal	Can be used by students – COVID-19 cleaning required	Cannot be used by anyone	Students not at school or kindergarten/not to be used
Emergency management	COVID normal	Emergency drills to occur as planned	Emergency Response Plan (ERP) to be desktop reviewed – no drills	No drills
Contractors and external workers	COVID normal	Essential contractors and external workers only	Not allowed on site unless critical and Responsible Officer approves	Not allowed on site unless critical and Responsible Officer approves
Visitors	COVID normal	Principal and Responsible Officer decision	Visitors not allowed on site	Visitors not allowed on site
Cleaning	COVID normal	Additional cleaning to be implemented based on Responsible Officer decision	Additional cleaning to be implemented based on Responsible Officer decision	Additional cleaning to be implemented based on Responsible Officer decision



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Hygiene supplies	COVID normal	Normal cleaning supplies to be available including hand sanitiser, soap and cleaning supplies	Normal cleaning supplies to be available including hand sanitiser, soap and cleaning supplies	Normal cleaning supplies to be available including hand sanitiser, soap and cleaning supplies
Boarding school facilities	COVID normal	Local decision or CHO mandate – on-site/working from alternate location (vulnerable person consideration)	Local decision or CHO mandate – on-site/working from alternate location (vulnerable person consideration)	Working from alternate location (vulnerable person consideration)
Other activities held on school grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outside School Hours Care • Holiday programs • Playgroups facilitated by external organisations 	COVID normal	Can occur based on Responsible Officer approval	Can occur based on Responsible Officer approval	Not to occur
School transport	COVID normal	COVID normal	COVID normal	Will not operate
Distance Education – students attending a facility for educational purposes	COVID normal	Can occur at a facility operating under a COVID Safe Industry Plan or using a COVID Safe Checklist	Can occur at a facility operating under a COVID Safe Industry Plan or using a COVID Safe Checklist	Not to occur
Students registered for Home Education	Gatherings can occur subject to Directions from the Chief Health Officer	Gatherings can occur subject to Directions from the Chief Health Officer	Gatherings can occur subject to Directions from the Chief Health Officer	Gatherings cannot occur

Public Health Controls – Corporate Environment

This guide is to be used by corporate and regional offices (e.g. Department of Education regional offices) as a quick check for actions required under the tiered response to COVID-19 and is to be read in conjunction with the COVID Safe Plan and supporting operational guidelines or procedures.

Activity	Response Level 1- COVID normal Incorporating key principles for reducing transmission of COVID-19	Response Level 2 – Transition out of outbreak	Response Level 3 – Known community transmission, local government area lockdown	Response Level 4 – Widespread community transmission
Staff safety		Local decision or CHO mandate – on-site/working from alternate location (vulnerable person consideration)	Local decision or CHO mandate – on-site/working from alternate location (vulnerable person consideration)	Working from alternate location (vulnerable person consideration)
Contractors and external workers	Allowed on site	Allowed on site	Not allowed on site unless critical and Responsible Officer approves	Not allowed on site unless critical and Responsible Officer approves
Emergency management	Emergency drills to occur as planned	Emergency drills to occur as planned	Emergency Management Plans to be desktop reviewed – no drills	No drills
Meetings	Can occur - Physical distancing required (1.5 m)	Can occur - physical distancing required (1.5m)	Can occur - physical distancing (1.5 m) + face masks required	Online meetings only
Hygiene supplies	Normal cleaning supplies to be available, including hand sanitiser, soap, cleaning supplies	Normal cleaning supplies to be available including hand sanitiser, soap and cleaning supplies	Normal cleaning supplies to be available including hand sanitiser, soap and cleaning supplies	Normal cleaning supplies to be available including hand sanitiser, soap and cleaning supplies
Cleaning of facilities	High touch point cleaning required	Additional cleaning to be implemented based on Responsible Officer decision	Additional cleaning to be implemented based on Responsible Officer decision	Additional cleaning to be implemented based on Responsible Officer decision



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Functions	Functions can occur at the workplace. Follow occupancy density requirements and physical distancing requirements for adults. Functions can occur at an external venue if under an approved COVID Safe Industry Plan or COVID Safe Event Checklist	Workplace functions cannot occur	Workplace functions cannot occur	Workplace functions cannot occur
Visitors	Visitors are permitted to enter. If attending a meeting or visiting other persons they must sign in	Responsible Officer approval required. If approved: visitors are permitted. If attending a meeting or visiting other persons, they must sign in	Visitors are not allowed on site	Visitors not allowed on site

