# COVID-19 - Operational guidelines for schools

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| COVID-19 requirements | Element | | | Key considerations | Resources and links | COVID Safety Plan support resources |
| General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces  General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces  General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces  General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces  General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces | NSW Health Locations of known transmission | | | All staff must monitor the NSW Health website for locations where there may have been exposure to COVID-19 and adhere to the advice as appropriate. | [NSW COVID-19 case locations](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates?deliveryName=DM4802#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw) |  |
| Attendance at work or school | | | All staff and students are expected to be at school.  Staff and students should not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.  If parents or carers believe that their child has a condition which means it’s not safe for them to return to school, they will need to provide a medical certificate. In this instance schools should encourage these families to speak with their doctor or health care provider to develop a [COVID-19 Action Plan External link](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-action-plan) to support decision-making about their activities, including attendance at school.  If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.  In relation to medical certificates, if there is an ongoing pattern of poor attendance and major concerns, under chapter 16a of the [Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1999](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1998-157), the principal can contact the student’s GP to discuss the matter. Principals will need to provide evidence of their concern.  If students have not returned to school, a compassionate and common sense approach should be used. Schools should work with the student and their parent or carer to put a plan in place to support their return to school.  Staff should be reminded to follow the COVID-19 operational guidelines while at work and when planning and engaging in teaching and learning activities. | [Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1999](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-1998-157) |  |
| Physical distancing | | | Students are not required to physically distance from each other.  Staff and visitors to schools and offices should be encouraged to maintain 1.5m distance from other people where practicable. Avoid congestion of groups of visitors in specific areas where possible.  Refer to the Student Wellbeing section for further information on staff delivering personal care needs to students. | [NSW Health research of COVID-19 in schools](https://www.ncirs.org.au/covid-19-in-schools) |  |
| Personal Hygiene | | | All staff and visitors should:   * Wash their hands regularly and/or use hand sanitiser throughout the day * Staff should support and encourage students to wash hands regularly * Maintain respiratory hygiene – cover a cough/sneeze and dispose of tissues * Tissues and other personal use items must be disposed of immediately into the bin * Avoid physical contact in greetings, such as shaking hands or hugging * Stay home if feeling unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and get tested * Posters on personal hygiene to be displayed in schools and workplaces | General Infection Control guidelines  Posters on personal hygiene |  |
| Hygiene and Cleaning | | | Enhanced cleaning arrangements remain in place which are:   * Cleaners wipe down high touch surfaces * Ensuring bathrooms are well stocked with hand soap and paper towels or hand dryers. |  |  |
| Sign in arrangements for visitors and others to our sites | | | All visitors to a school site must comply with sign-in arrangements. This includes the requirement to sign the school sign-in sheet where they acknowledge that they will comply with the COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers each time they visit.  Schools are encouraged to use QR Codes. If schools are using QR Codes that a person may be unable to provide contact details, for example due to age or language barriers, another person may provide contact details on their behalf. If there are unexpected circumstances which prevent the use of electronic methods to collect contact details (such as an internet outage), any paper records should be entered into an electronic format such as a spreadsheet within 12 hours. |  |  |
| First aid and infection control | | | Staff should continue to provide first aid according to the school’s regular routines and first aid arrangements. Standard precautions for infection control must always be followed.  PPE is available and should be utilised relevant to infection or contamination risk.  Temperature monitors are available in first aid kits and should be used relevant to a first aid response.  General-use masks are not required in schools and are not mandatory for parents and carers visiting schools. | First Aid Procedures and support resources  Infection control procedures and practical guides  PPE resources and demonstrations  Temperature monitors |  |
| Staff health and wellbeing | | | All school-based staff are expected to be working on campus. To stay COVID-19 safe, everyone should practice good hygiene and try to keep a physical distance from other people where practicable.  Staff may access the following to support their personal wellbeing:   * Staff at increased risk of severe illness can implement an individual [COVID-19 Action Plan](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-action-plan) to support their return to the workplace * Diocesan and RI and PJP Employee Assistance Provider (EAP) offers a range of support including: * General counselling * Post-incident support services  Please discuss with your Employee Assistance Provider (EAP) their capacity to provide EAP services remotely. Be assured that these services are still in place and available 24/7. Staff at increased risk of severe illness should be encouraged to access COVID-19 vaccination as soon as it is available to them. | [NSW Health COVID-19 Action Plan](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-action-plan) |  |
| Reporting of cases of COVID-19 | | | Schools should report any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 to your Diocesan office (Systemic schools) or Catholic Schools NSW (RI and PJP schools) and contact the local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 to provide details so that the Public Health Unit can follow up as necessary.  All reports received will be reviewed with NSW Health and the school will be advised if any further action is required. | COVID-19 Response Protocols |  |
| Emergency drills | | | Schools should continue to practice their emergency drills without restrictions. |  |  |
| COVID-19 Safety Plans | | | COVID-19 Safety Plans are required for events and activities as set out in these guidelines.  Additionally, a COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if an event or activity is held indoors with more than 100 external visitors or held outdoors with more than 200 external visitors. |  | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Masks and temperature screening | | | Face masks are not required in schools for staff, students or visitors, nor travelling to and from school. Staff and students may wear their own mask in schools or office environments.  Widespread temperature screening is not required and is not recommended in schools | [NSW Government Advice on Face Masks](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/face-masks) |  |
| Continuity of education and remote working and learning | | | Schools are to have systems in place to support continuity of education for students in the event that students and staff are unable to attend school (e.g. COVID-19 self-isolation requirements). |  |  |
| Working and Learning from Home | Continuity of education and remote working and learning | | | The CSNSW Learning Resources Portal: Secondary and the Learning Resources Portal: Primary are in place to support continuity of education for students in the event that students and staff are unable to attend school (e.g. COVID-19 self-isolation requirements).  Schools may use the resources available in addition to local school resources as required when schools are non-operational for on-site learning for any reason to support education continuity. | Learning Resources Portal: Secondary (Yammer)  Learning Resources Portal: Primary (Yammer) |  |
| Boarding schools | Boarding schools must also comply with all other school requirements | | | Boarding schools must comply with all school requirements set out in these guidelines. The Boarding School Guidelines set out additional requirements including:   * Personal hygiene requirements to be adhered to * Physical distancing requirements to be maintained where practicable * Students may leave the school grounds for after school and personal social activities * Close monitoring of student health to be maintained * COVID-19 testing arrangements to be in place at all times   Refer to the guidelines for further information. | Boarding School Guidelines |  |
| School Activities  School Activities  School Activities | General COVID-19 requirements | | | General principles:   * Students are not required to physically distance * Interschool activities are permitted * Practical infection control guidelines must be adhered to, including hygiene requirements for use of equipment * External providers and specialist coaches/program facilitators delivering sport and physical activities must adhere to general COVID-19 requirements for visitors * Alternative options should be considered when planning school activities in case there are sudden changes to restrictions or a need to cancel events |  |  |
| Sport and physical activities | | | Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities in addition to the measures listed below:   * Weekly sport and recreational activities, gala days, selection trials for representative sport and activities, whole of school carnivals, zone and school carnivals and interschool events are permitted * The number of participants involved in sport and physical activities at a venue/facility must comply with external venue restrictions * Parents/spectators may attend school or external venue events in accordance with the COVID-19 Safety Plan. Please note that some venues, such as major recreational facilities, may have additional safety requirements * School sporting activity requirements, whether indoors or outdoors, should align with those in place for other [community sporting competitions and training activities](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/community-sporting-competitions-and-full-training-activities) in NSW unless held at a venue with additional capacity allowance such as a major recreational facility. * External coaches and other providers are permitted * Use of local external sporting grounds, swimming pools (including hydrotherapy pools), recreational facilities and community facilities is permitted. This includes border school communities using interstate venues where border requirements permit * A member of staff must be available to supervise gym or fitness sessions at all times. * Records of those participating in external events and activities must be maintained for a period of 28 days in accordance with contact tracing requirements. Schools do not need to provide a list of attendees to the venue. Details of a contact person from the school who holds the attendance records is all that is required   Cleaning arrangements are in place for any shared equipment | Infection control procedures and practical guides  [Community sporting competitions and training activities](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19-coronavirus/covid-safe/outdoor-events) |  |
| General classroom activities | | | Students are not required to physically distance. Staff are encouraged to maintain 1.5m distance from other adults where practicable.   * Staff providing personal care and support to students should use PPE where appropriate. | Infection Control Fact sheet for Classrooms |  |
| School Assemblies | | | Assemblies are permitted.  Parent/carers and special guests may be invited. |  |  |
| Singing, chanting, group repetition and choirs | | | Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities.  External providers are permitted | Infection control procedures and practical guides. |  |
| Bands and ensembles | | | Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities. | Practical guide for infection control |  |
| Library | | | Schools to adhere to Infection Control requirement for Libraries | Infection control for librarians |  |
|  | Dance and Drama | | | Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities. |  |  |
| School Activities  School Activities  School Activities  School Activities  School Activities | School performances, productions, concerts, speech nights and award presentations | | | School performances, productions, concerts, speech nights and award presentations are permitted.  Personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices are required at these events.  A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if the event is held indoors with more than 100 external visitors or held outdoors with more than 200 external visitors.  There are no restrictions on dancing at school formals events.  External venues may have additional safety requirements to which schools will need to adhere.  Parents and spectators may attend. General COVID-19 requirements for visitors apply. |  | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Excursions, Camps and Field Trips and Principal-endorsed activities for students | | | Events and activities are permitted with COVID-19 Safe arrangement in place. Schools are required to develop a risk management plan for all excursions and off-site school activities.  When developing their risk management plan for excursions and overnight events, schools must comply with existing policy and procedure requirements, and include where relevant, the below measures to ensure these events are conducted in a COVID-safe way.   * Check that the location is not listed by NSW Health as a COVID-19 location of concern * Complete a risk management plan * As the COVID-19 situation can change quickly, schools should consider the level of community transmission in the local community just before the excursion or overnight activity is held, along with other risks associated with the event, as part of their normal risk assessment process. * External venues and providers must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for the event and activities. Schools will need to consider and comply with external venue restrictions. For example, there may be a maximum number of participants able to attend an activity at a facility. In these situations, schools may need to limit or modify participation to ensure compliance with external venue requirements. * Exclude staff, students and others who are unwell from attending. * Develop strategies for responding to a person becoming unwell, including ways to isolate students who develop flu-like symptoms, and arrangements for parents to collect a child who is unwell. This is particularly important for events conducted interstate or where overnight accommodation is required. * Ensure personal hygiene requirements in accordance with the infection control procedures. * Follow physical distancing requirements for all staff, facilitators and supervisors. * Coordinate transport and travel times to avoid crowding on public transport. Where practical, negotiate with the bus company to implement cleaning protocols before student travel. * Have measures to avoid gatherings/crowding where possible - for example, pre-booking tickets/seats to events (such as animal shows or exhibits) and identifying suitable locations for meal breaks or rest areas in outdoor areas such as parks. * Records of those participating in external events and activities must be maintained for a period of 28 days in accordance with contact tracing requirements. Schools do not need to provide a list of attendees to the venue. Details of a contact person from the school who holds the attendance records is all that is required * Cleaning arrangements are in place for any shared equipment * Staff and students should be allocated into groups when travelling on buses to avoid mixing groups for contact tracing purposes * Interstate excursions and camps are permitted and can continue where border requirements permit these activities * Schools should also consider costs and cancelation policies. Often deposits are non-refundable if events need to be cancelled closer to the date. Discuss these options with the providers at the time of booking. Students, parents and carers should be made aware of any potential changes to plans including costs that may be incurred if an event is not able to proceed. | [Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20%28COVID-19%20Mandatory%20Face%20Coverings%29%20Amendment%20%28No%204%29%20Order%202021.pdf)  [NSW COVID-19 case locations](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates?deliveryName=DM4802#latest-covid-19-case-locations-in-nsw)  [NSW Government COVID-19 Safety Plans](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe#help-with-your-safety-plan)  Risk Management Plan | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| International excursions | | | International excursions are not permitted. |  |  |
| Playgrounds/play equipment | | | Playgrounds and play equipment may be utilised by students. Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser after use. |  |  |
| Water bubblers | | | Water bubblers are permitted in schools. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home that they can refill. |  |  |
| Trade Schools, VET and TAFE courses | | | All school and external education programs can continue to operate in a COVID-Safe way. Mixing of students is permitted. VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement and appropriate risk assessments. School staff should contact their local work placement service providers to check if the host employer has the required COVID-19 Safety Plan prior to the approval of the placement. For further information refer to [the NESA website](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice/hsc/vet-work-placement). White card training is permitted. | [NESA work placement advice](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice/hsc/vet-work-placement). |  |
| Work Experience | | | Students are permitted to participate in work experience programs in a COVID-safe way. |  |  |
| Student attendance at aged care facilities | | | Students are permitted to attend aged care facilities following COVID-safe requirements |  |  |
| State exams (NAPLAN & HSC) | | | All state exams can proceed in a COVID Safe way. |  | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Student orientation programs | | | School orientation programs are permitted taking into the account the following COVID safe requirements:   * Visitors are to sign in and out on arrival and departure and use the school QR Code for visitors * Comply with personal hygiene and physical distancing recommendations where practicable * Minimise use of school spaces and disruptions to classroom activities (i.e. limit the visitor to only accessing the spaces necessary for the purpose of the visit) |  |  |
| School graduations | | | School graduations are permitted.  Personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices must be adhered to at these events.  A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if the event is held indoors with more than 100 external visitors or held outdoors with more than 200 external visitors. | [School graduation ceremonies COVID-19 Safety Plan](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/covid-safe/school-graduation-ceremonies) |  |
| Formals and school dances | | | School formals, dances and other student social events are permitted.  Personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices must be adhered to at these events.  A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if the event is held indoors with more than 100 external visitors or held outdoors with more than 200 external visitors.  There are no restrictions to dancing at school formals events. | [School formals COVID-19 safety plan](https://www.nsw.gov.au/form/covid-safety-plan/school-formals) |  |
| School Performances | | | Major events can proceed with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. |  | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| School community events (fetes and grandparent days, open days etc.) | | | School community events are permitted.  Personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices apply at these events.  Additionally:   * A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if the event or activity is held indoors with more than 100 external visitors. * A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if the event or activity is held as a public outdoor gathering with more than 200 external visitors |  | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| School meetings and professional development  School meetings and professional development  School meetings and professional development | General COVID-19 advice | | | Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities in addition to the measures listed below:   * Schools should consider COVID-19 Safe measures for meetings and professional learning activities. * A COVID Safety Plan is required if a meeting is held indoors with more than 100 external visitors. * A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if a meeting is held as a public outdoor gathering with more than 200 external visitors * At any time where there are people gathering for meetings and/or professional development, personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices are required * Capacity must not exceed the limits as per the relevant square metre rule where practicable * External visitors and guests are permitted * External venues may be utilised, providers must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place * Cleaning arrangements are in place for any shared equipment and other items after each use * Staff should remain seated as much as possible during learning activities and a physical distance of 1.5m maintained where practicable   A list of all people participating (including both staff and other adults) must be maintained for a period of 28 days including contact details in case they are required for contact tracing | Physical distancing guidelines  [Square metre rule NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/square-metres-rules) | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Staff development days | | | Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 advice for meetings and Professional Learning in addition to the measures listed below:   * Non-school based staff and visitors can attend. * Physical distancing, hygiene and record keeping requirements apply | Physical distancing guidelines  [Square metre rule NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/square-metres-rules) | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Professional learning | | | Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 advice for meetings and Professional Learning in addition to the measures listed below:   * Non-school based staff and visitors can attend. * Physical distancing, hygiene and record keeping requirements apply | Physical distancing guidelines  [Square metre rule NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/square-metres-rules) | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Compliance training (e.g. First aid/CPR) | | | Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 advice for meetings and Professional Learning in addition to the measures listed below:   * Non-school based staff and visitors can attend. * Physical distancing, hygiene and record keeping requirements apply | Physical distancing guidelines  [Square metre rule NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/square-metres-rules) | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Meetings and gatherings | | | Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 advice for meetings and Professional Learning in addition to the measures listed below:   * Non-school based staff and visitors can attend. o Physical distancing, hygiene and record keeping requirements apply. | Physical distancing guidelines  [Square metre rule NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/square-metres-rules) | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Diocesan Office arrangements | Meetings, Professional Learning and workplace gatherings | | | Staff must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for activities in addition to the measures listed below:   * A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if a meeting is held indoors with more than 100 external visitors. * A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if a meeting is held as a public outdoor gathering with more than 200 external visitors * At all times where there are people gathering, personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping requirements apply * Capacity must not exceed the limits as per the relevant square metre rule * External venues may be used and must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. Staff will need to adhere to venue requirements * Cleaning arrangements are in place for any shared equipment and other items after each use * Staff should remain seated as much as possible during learning activities and a physical distance of 1.5m maintained where practicable * A list of all people participating (including both staff and other adults) must be maintained for a period of 28 days including contact details in case they are required for contact tracing | Physical distancing guidelines  [Square metre rule NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/square-metres-rules) | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Visits to schools | | | Diocesan staff are permitted to visit schools and deliver services. Physical distancing and hygiene requirements are encouraged. | Physical distancing guidelines |  |
| Office attendance | | | Staff are able to return to working in their office as directed by their Diocese. | Physical distancing guidelines |  |
| Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups | General COVID-19 requirements | | | General requirements for visitors:   * Visitors including parents/carers are welcome in our schools * Visitors must comply with sign-in arrangements * Visitors must be excluded if unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms * Visitors should maintain 1.5m physical distance from other adults where practicable (including staff) and other visitors when on the school site and at school pick-up and drop-off times where practicable * External providers must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan so they continue to operate in a COVID-safe way * Schools must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for events or activities at schools that involve more than 100 external visitors in an indoor setting and 200 external visitors in an outdoor setting. * At all times where there are people gathering, personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping requirements apply |  | COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| Parents and carers | | | Visitors including parents/carers are welcome in our schools and at activities offsite when following the COVID-19 requirements for visitors. This includes:   * Parents/carers can attend meetings with teachers, including prospective parents, and attend orientation meetings * Parent/carer volunteers are permitted to volunteer in educational support roles * Parent/carer volunteers are permitted to volunteer in the canteen and uniform store * Parents/carers can attend school or community run playgroups * Parents/carers can attend school sporting and arts events at external venues subject to the COVID-19 safety plan of the venue   Parents/carers can participate in a community or P&C event or activity subject to the school’s COVID-19 Safety Plan  Parents/carers can enter school grounds to pick-up and drop-off their children without needing to sign in as visitors. |  | COVID-19  Safety Plan template and guidelines |
| External Providers and volunteers | | | External providers delivering curriculum programs (sports, arts, etc.) are permitted on school sites and must continue to operate in a COVID-safe way |  |  |
| Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups  Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups  Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups  Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups  Visitors,  Community Use and Play Groups | Research and practicum teachers | | Research and practicum teachers are permitted on school sites and must continue to operate in a COVID-safe way | | COVID-19 Requirements for Visitors and Service Providers |  | |
| Contractors and maintenance services | | Contractor and maintenance providers are permitted and should continue to operate in a COVID-safe way | | COVID-19 Requirements for Visitors and Service Providers |  | |
| Uniform Shop and Canteen services | | All adults working in these environments must:   * Maintain a physical distance of 1.5m from one another where practicable * Comply with personal hygiene and food safety requirements as appropriate * Consider strategies to reduce crowding and contact between parents/carers collecting uniforms. For example, allow parents to pre-order uniforms and collect at a designated time, additional operating times to minimise gatherings of parents or arrange for different cohorts to attend on specific days | | COVID-19 Requirements for Visitors and Service Providers |  | |
| Official visitors and dignitaries | | Official visitors and dignitaries are permitted on school sites taking into the account the following COVID safe requirements:   * Visitors are to sign in and out on arrival and departure and use the school QR Code for visitors * Encourage personal hygiene and physical distancing requirements where practicable * Minimise use of school spaces and disruptions to classroom activities (i.e. limit the visitor to only accessing the spaces necessary for the purpose of the visit) | |  |  | |
| Allied Health partners and other providers | | Allied Health partners and other providers are permitted and must continue to operate in a COVID-safe way | |  |  | |
| Electoral commission officers conducting polling location inspections | | Permitted following general COVID-19 requirements for visitors | |  |  | |
| Diocesan staff delivering specialist support services, | | All staff are able to attend schools and other workplaces. Staff should comply with the General COVID-19 requirements in these guidelines. | |  |  | |
| Media and production crews | | Media and production crews are permitted on school sites taking into the account the following COVID safe requirements:   * Visitors are to sign in and out on arrival and departure and use the school QR Code for visitors * Comply with personal hygiene and physical distancing requirements where practicable * Minimise use of school spaces and disruptions to classroom activities (i.e. limit the visitor to only accessing the spaces necessary for the purpose of the visit) | |  |  | |
| P & F meetings and events | | P & F meetings and events are permitted taking into the account the following COVID safe requirements:   * Visitors are to sign in and out on arrival and departure and use the school QR Code for visitors * Comply with personal hygiene and physical distancing requirements where practicable * Minimise use of school spaces and disruptions to classroom activities (i.e. limit the visitor to only accessing the spaces necessary for the purpose of the visit) * A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if a meeting or event is held indoors with more than 100 external visitors. * A COVID-19 Safety Plan is required if a meeting or event is held as a public outdoor gathering with more than 200 external visitors. | |  |  | |
| Pre-schools managed by Diocese | | Preschools are to be managed consistent with the rest of the schools in accordance with these guidelines. | |  |  | |
| OOSH | | Permitted on school sites operating in a COVID-safe way | |  |  | |
| Playgroups | | Playgroups are permitted to operate in a COVID Safe Way. Parents and other adults are to comply with the general requirements for visitors on school sites. | |  |  | |
| Community Centres | | Community Centres can operate in a COVID Safe Way.  Parents and other adults are to comply with the general requirements for visitors on school sites | |  |  | |
| Community language schools | | Community language schools are permitted to operate in a COVID safe way. | |  |  | |
| Saturday School of Community Languages | | Saturday language schools are permitted to operate in a COVID safe way. | |  |  | |
| External Community Use | | Community use of school facilities (by external operators) is by exception only, requiring written approval by the principal and written acknowledgement by the operator.  Community use arrangement can proceed with user groups required to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan. | |  |  | |
| School Holiday Programs | | School Holiday Programs, including vacation care, can operate in a COVID safe way. | |  |  | |
| Transport | Public transport | | Staff and providers must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements at all times. | | [Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20%28COVID-19%20Mandatory%20Face%20Coverings%29%20Amendment%20%28No%204%29%20Order%202021.pdf) |  | |
| Assisted School Travel Program | | Staff and providers must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements at all times. | | [Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20%28COVID-19%20Mandatory%20Face%20Coverings%29%20Amendment%20%28No%204%29%20Order%202021.pdf) |  | |
| Private transport | | Staff and providers must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements at all times. | | [Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20%28COVID-19%20Mandatory%20Face%20Coverings%29%20Amendment%20%28No%204%29%20Order%202021.pdf) |  | |
| School buses | | Staff and providers must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements at all times. | | [Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20%28COVID-19%20Mandatory%20Face%20Coverings%29%20Amendment%20%28No%204%29%20Order%202021.pdf) |  | |
| Fleet Car Vehicles | | Fleet car COVID-safe requirements to be adhered to at all times | | [Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)](https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/file/Public%20Health%20%28COVID-19%20Mandatory%20Face%20Coverings%29%20Amendment%20%28No%204%29%20Order%202021.pdf) |  | |
| Student support needs | | Staff should continue to provide routine care and support to students such as feeding, toileting and administration of health care procedures according to the school’s regular routines. Staff should adopt physical distancing where practicable.  The appropriate use of personal protective equipment when administering medication is required in instances where there is a risk of exposure to bodily fluids.  Refer to the Infection Control Resources for further information. | | Practical guide for staff working in SSP and Support Units  Infection control and PPE resources |  | |
| Student wellbeing and attendance | Student counselling and other support services | | Staff may continue to deliver services to schools in compliance with General COVID-safe requirements. | |  |  | |
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