

Queensland COVID-19 planning framework

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School environment

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Activity		Scenario 1 COVID normal No restrictions or lockdown in place	Scenario 2 Restrictions in place but no lockdown	Scenario 3 Local government area/ state-wide lockdown	Scenario 4 School closure
Students More information	Learning	Onsite learning for all students	Onsite learning for all students, adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Home-based learning for students in lockdown Children of essential workers and vulnerable children learning onsite	Home-based learning for all students
	Roll marking and absence reporting	Standard roll marking Same day student absence notification applies	Standard roll marking Same day student absence notification applies	COVID-19 related roll marking Same day student absence notification applies	COVID-19 related roll marking Same day student absence notification applies

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Staff (including preservice teachers) More information	Staff attendance at school	Onsite	Onsite, adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks Vulnerable person considerations apply	Onsite, adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks Vulnerable person considerations apply	Offsite Remote teaching and learning
	Staff meetings	Onsite with physical distancing	Onsite, adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Online or onsite adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Online only
School and kindergarten activities daily operations / part of curriculum & learning More information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrumental music • Choirs • Performances • Sporting activities • Dancing • PE classes 	Onsite	COVID normal	Permitted, adhering to CHO directions / restrictions e.g. face masks COVID-19 cleaning of equipment required	Not permitted	Not permitted



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interschool sport Excursions Incursions Whole school assembly 	Onsite / Offsite	COVID normal	Permitted, adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instrumental music Choirs Performances Sporting activities Dancing PE classes Interschool sport Excursions 	Offsite	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safe checklist for restricted businesses	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safe checklist for restricted businesses , adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted
School and kindergarten functions More information	Onsite	COVID normal	Permitted adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted
	Offsite	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safe checklist for restricted businesses	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safe checklist for restricted businesses , adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted



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Ticketed or seated events		Ticketed or seated functions permitted with 100% capacity	Ticketed or seated functions at restricted capacity as per CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted
Provision of food/tuckshops		COVID normal	No buffet or sharing of implements	No buffet or sharing of implements	No buffet or sharing of implements
Excursions and camps More information	At a Department of Education facility	COVID normal	Permitted adhering to CHO directions/ additional restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted
	At a non-Department of Education facility	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safe checklist for restricted businesses	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safe checklist for restricted businesses , adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted
Health support procedures More information		Standard PPE required	COVID-19 level PPE required	COVID-19 level PPE required	COVID-19 level PPE required

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Playgrounds and school facilities	Standard cleaning procedures should be followed	Use by students permitted COVID-19 cleaning required	Use by students permitted Health and safety considerations and COVID-19 cleaning applies	Not permitted
Emergency management More information	Emergency drills to occur as scheduled	Emergency drills to occur adhering to CHO directions/ additional restrictions e.g. face masks	Emergency Response Plan (ERP) to be desktop reviewed – no drills	Drills not permitted
Parents More information	Parents welcome on school sites	Permitted onsite and to attend activities/ functions, adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Restricted based on lockdown conditions	Not permitted
Contractors and external workers More information	Contractors allowed onsite with standard sign-in procedures	Unless the school is closed , construction and maintenance activities can continue in areas of the school that are unoccupied by students and staff	Unless the school is closed , construction and maintenance activities can continue in areas of the school that are unoccupied by students and staff	Not allowed onsite unless work is critical

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Essential health and wellbeing services (non-Departmental employees) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental services • School Immunisation Providers • Prep Vision Screening providers • Chaplains/Student Welfare Workers • School-based Police Officers • School-based Youth Health Nurses • Youth Support Coordinators • School-based GPs 	Normal service provision, standard sign-in procedures	Normal service provision, adhering to CHO directions/ additional restrictions	Online or onsite adhering to CHO directions/restrictions	Online only Services unable to be offered online are not permitted
Other visitors More information	Visitors welcome on school sites	Permitted onsite with principal or responsible officer approval, adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Visitors not allowed onsite	Visitors not allowed onsite
Cleaning More information: Cleaning Hygiene supplies	Standard COVID cleaning regimes	Additional cleaning implemented based on responsible officer decision	Additional cleaning implemented based on responsible officer decision	Additional cleaning implemented based on health advice

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Boarding school facilities More information	Students	COVID normal	Onsite learning for all students, adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Onsite learning for all students, adhering to CHO directions/ additional restrictions e.g. face masks	Home-based learning for all students
	Staff	COVID normal	Onsite Vulnerable person considerations apply	Onsite Vulnerable person considerations apply	Offsite Remote teaching and learning
Other programs held on school grounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroups facilitated by external organisations Community users More information		COVID normal	Permitted with principal or responsible officer approval, adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted
Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) and Vacation Care		COVID normal	Normal operations adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Normal operations adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Closed



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School transport More information	COVID normal	Normal operations adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Normal operations adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Does not apply
Distance Education – students attending a facility for educational purposes	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safe checklist for restricted businesses	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safe checklist for restricted businesses , adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted
Gatherings for students registered for Home Education	Permitted	Permitted, adhering to CHO directions/ restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted



Corporate environment

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Activity	Scenario 1 – COVID normal Incorporating key principles for reducing transmission of COVID-19	Scenario 2 Restrictions in place but no lockdown	Scenario 3 Local government area/ state-wide lockdown	Scenario 4 Office closure
Meetings	Permitted onsite	Onsite permitted, adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Onsite or online, adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Online meetings only
Contractors and external workers	COVID normal, must sign in	Allowed onsite, must sign in	Not allowed onsite unless critical with responsible officer approval If approved, must sign in	Not allowed onsite unless critical with responsible officer approval If approved, must sign in
Other visitors	Visitors permitted onsite If attending a meeting or visiting other persons they must sign in	Permitted with responsible officer approval, adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks If attending a meeting or visiting other persons, visitors must sign in	Visitors not allowed onsite	Visitors not allowed onsite
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 health advice

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Functions	Onsite	Permitted	Permitted with approval by responsible officer, adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted
	Offsite	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safechecklist for restricted businesses	Permitted at venue with completed COVID safe checklist for restricted businesses , adhering to CHO directions/restrictions e.g. face masks	Not permitted	Not permitted

