



Phase 4

Frequently asked questions School activities

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Not all COVID-19 information is covered in these questions and answers.

Approved Specialist Programs

- 1. Can schools with Approved Specialist Programs recommence activities?**
 - Yes.
 - Good hygiene practices should be applied.
- 2. Are programs where primary school students travel to secondary schools able to take place?**
 - Yes.
 - Good hygiene practices should be applied.

Assemblies

- 3. Can assemblies occur?**
 - Yes.
 - Adult visitors and staff should maintain physical distancing of one person per two square metres.

Canteens

- 4. Can school canteens move to full service if dining facilities exist?**
 - Yes.
 - Canteens can operate ensuring they maintain physical distancing requirements of one person per two square metres.
- 5. Can parents volunteer to work in school canteen?**
 - Yes.
 - Good hygiene practices and physical distancing of one adult per two square metres should apply.
- 6. Do school canteens need to complete COVID Safety Plans and AHA training?**
 - No.
 - School Canteens are an exception to this requirement.

Incursions, excursions and sport

Can incursions and excursions occur?

- Yes.
- Supervisors/staff are to maintain physical distancing of one person per two square metres.

7. Can interschool sports occur?

- Yes.
- Interschool activities can occur.
- Adult visitors should maintain physical distancing of one person per two square metres.
- Encourage good hygiene practices including handwashing before and after activities.

8. Can we play contact sports?

- Yes.
- Equipment may be shared, however schools should ensure equipment is cleaned regularly, ie. after use.
- Encourage good hygiene practices including handwashing before and after activities.

Libraries

9. Are school libraries open?

- Yes.
- Library access should be managed to ensure supervisors/staff maintain physical distancing of one person per two square metres and good hygiene practices are in place.

Meetings on site

10. Can the P&C and School Board/Council meet on site?

- Yes.
- Good hygiene practices and physical distancing of one adult per two square metres applies to all meetings.
- Regular cleaning of all facilities used for meetings is required.

11. Can other meetings, including staff meetings, occur on site?

- Yes.
- Good hygiene practices and physical distancing of one adult per two square metres applies to all meetings.
- Regular cleaning of all facilities used for meetings is required.

School music

12. Can primary school students visit secondary school sites for music lessons that are taught by teachers from the secondary school?

- Yes.
- Good hygiene practices including handwashing before and after lessons should apply.
- Supervisors/staff should maintain physical distancing of one person per two square metres.

Swimming/therapy pools

13. Can we use our school swimming and therapy pools?

- Yes.
- Good hygiene practices and physical distancing of one person per two square metres apply.
- Changerooms are now able to be used.

Swimming programs

14. Will Interm swimming be able to be conducted?

- Yes. Swimming pools are open.
- Good hygiene practices and physical distancing of one person per two square metres apply.

15. Will VacSwim programs be delivered in October?

- Yes. Swimming pools are open.
- Good hygiene practices and physical distancing of one person per two square metres apply.

Third-party arrangements

21. Can schools now enter into third-party arrangements for use of school facilities?

- Yes.
- Regular cleaning of all facilities used for third-party arrangements is required.
- Good hygiene practices and physical distancing of one adult per two square metres apply to all activities.

Visitors to school sites

22. Can parents enter the school with their child?

- Yes.
- Parents/carers may come on to school sites to attend meetings and for drop off and pick up purposes.
- Physical distancing of one adult per two square metres and good hygiene practices should apply.

23. Who else is allowed on school sites?

- All visitors with an appropriate purpose are allowed onto the school grounds.
- Physical distancing with a two square metre rule per adult and good hygiene practices should apply.
- All official visitors, as per department guidelines, are required to sign in.

Work placements and work experience

24. Can work placements and work experience recommence for students?

- Yes.
- Schools should conduct work placement risk assessments and ensure employers comply with WA COVID-19 Health guidelines.