

# GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

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COVID INFORMATION JAN 2022

It is understandable that parents and carers may be feeling anxious about schools opening.

Everyone could be a bit more stressed than normal (including you) so try and be gentle with yourself and others. Talk to schools and teachers as soon as possible to help an easier transition. Be prepared for more changes than usual. Acknowledge your child's feelings and talk about their concerns.

Give information that is appropriate for your child's age and encourage questions. Try not to over-promise.

Make sure you keep up to date with your child's school arrangements for pick up, drop offs, school meetings etc. Allow extra time until you know the new routines.

If your child is unable to tolerate wearing a face mask you should talk to the school so that they understand the underlying reason and it can be managed sensitively.

- [Covid-19 Explained - YouTube](#) (for children).

The following links are for current Education Departments return to school COVID advice. Keep talking to schools and checking websites for the most current information.

## Education Queensland Back to School 2022

[COVID-19 \(qed.qld.gov.au\)](https://qed.qld.gov.au)

### Links and Publications

- [Back to school plan 2022 \(qed.qld.gov.au\)](https://qed.qld.gov.au)
- [Frequently asked questions \(qed.qld.gov.au\)](https://qed.qld.gov.au)
- [Support for parents and carers \(qed.qld.gov.au\)](https://qed.qld.gov.au)

## Department of Education South Australia Start of term 1 2022

[COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://education.sa.gov.au)

### Links and Publications

- [Return of school term 1 2022 and COVID safe measures \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://education.sa.gov.au)
- [Testing isolating and quarantining for preschool and early childhood settings a3 placemat \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://education.sa.gov.au)
- [Testing isolating and quarantining for school setting a3 placemat \(education.sa.gov.au\)](https://education.sa.gov.au)

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## **The Department of Education Tasmania Return to school**

[COVID-19 - The Department of Education Tasmania](#)

### **Links and Publications:**

- [Return-to-School-2022-Overview.pdf \(education.tas.gov.au\)](#)
- [COVID-19 frequently asked questions for parents and carers \(education.tas.gov.au\)](#)

## **NSW Department of Education**

[COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)

### **Links and Publications:**

- [COVID-smart measures for schools - Information for parents and students \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- [Advice for families \(nsw.gov.au\)](#)
- [Back to school \(nsw.gov.au\)](#) (general resources, not covid related)

## **Northern Territory Department of Education 2022 back-to-school plan**

[COVID-19 information for parents and carers - Department of Education](#)

### **Links and Publications:**

#### **[COVID-19 Return to school Term 1 2022](#)**

- [Wearing masks at school](#)
- [Keeping safe at school](#)
- [Back to school checklist for parents](#)
- [COVID-19 response flowchart](#)
- [Putting on a face mask poster](#)

## **Department of Education and Training Victoria**

[Education - information for parents, students, and educators | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

### **Links and Publications:**

#### **[back-to-school-plan.pdf \(education.vic.gov.au\)](#)**

- [Rapid antigen testing in schools - information for parents and carers | Coronavirus Victoria](#)
- [Managing-unwell-students-covid19-factsheet.pdf \(education.vic.gov.au\)](#)

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COVID-19 education hotline: Call 1800 338 663, from 8:30am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). If you need an interpreter, call 131 450.

### **Department of Education Western Australia Safe Return to school**

COVID-19 - Department of Education

#### **Links and Publications:**

- **[Safe return to school plan \(education.wa.edu.au\)](https://www.education.wa.edu.au)**
- [Ventilation \(education.wa.edu.au\)](https://www.education.wa.edu.au)
- [Safe schools - Department of Education](https://www.education.wa.edu.au)
- Parent COVID-19 helpline: contact your school or regional office. Further advice phone 1800 882 345 or email [CoronaVirusSupport@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:CoronaVirusSupport@education.wa.edu.au)

