

# Preparing For Post Covid 19

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Here are some points to take into account  
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# ACSI School Post Covid-19 Instructions and Regulations:

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## School Ground Sanitation:

- School Jungle Gyms and the outside playground equipment needs to be cleaned each day after school.
- School benches and tables where children eat their lunches and surfaces touched by many such as railings, door and window handles need to be sanitized.
- Water and sanitation facilities will need to be disinfected each day (especially where the children go to get water to drink)
- All Gym Equipment for physical education needs to be sanitized and wiped down.

## School Classroom Sanitation:

- We are proposing that every single classroom is issued a hand sanitiser and that learners sanitise their hands when they enter the school premises and each classroom.
- Daily disinfection procedures need to be followed in classrooms. Classroom materials such as toys, desks, chairs and teaching and learning resources all needs to be disinfected.

## Social Distancing:

- All Pupils' chairs and desks should to be at least 1.5m apart
- We propose that there will be a ban on the sharing of desks
- Teachers and pupils will no longer be able to hug or shake hands or have any direct contact with each other
- A one-meter social distance between people is non-negotiable
- Children should be taught to keep a safe distance between each other even when the teacher isn't with them (There may be social distancing in the classroom because the teacher is there, but what happens when the child goes to play outside?)
- Sharing of lunch needs to be avoided and communicated to the children.

## School Events and Assembly:

- Large gatherings such as school assemblies will not be allowed to take place
- All Sports events or school events should be cancelled.

## Addressing Children's Questions and Concerns + Health Education:

- Promote cleanliness all around the school with resources such as posters on how to wash your hands in all bathrooms and hand washing stations.
- Bathroom breaks needs to be managed well to ensure that it is not crowded.
- We advise you to address any child who has questions and to put up posters about prevention and control around the school for the children to read. (use picture posters for the younger children)
- Have hand sanitizing stations all around the schools with alcohol-based hand sanitisers in each classroom, in the school office and all school bathrooms.

## Adapting School Policies:

- Consider the current procedures for attendance and sick leave for the students and teachers
- Procedures if teachers or children's temperature is higher than 37.7 C
- Procedures for Family members of the teachers and students who are tested positive for Covid-19 (to inform the school immediately).

## School Attendance:

- Monitor all Absentees (teachers and students)
- Contact parents and teachers for reasons why they are absent.

## Helping Learners Adapt to Educational and Emotional Needs:

We Advise you to:

Take in consideration that when learners do return to school they will need to be monitored when having teaching and learning interactions and need to be monitored emotionally due to the fact that they have been quarantined in their homes since schools have closed.

Also help children especially the older learners who understand and who will be going through trauma because of the Covid-19 virus and might have fear because of being back in school.

## Protective Gear:

- Face masks – Children and teachers are expected to have at least 2 masks to change throughout the day
- Sanitisers – in all school facilities
- Thermometer – to test each staff member and student. Temperatures above 37.7 needs to be monitored.

## ECD Centres:

- Don't allow parents to enter the school property but to drop learners off at the gate to minimize the amount of people entering the school.
- Have the teachers collect the children at the gate and the same for picking up children
- Sanitize and take the temperature of each child as they arrive
- Sanitise the school throughout the day desks, chairs, walls, and toys as it is younger children that you are working with
- Let the teachers sanitise all surfaces continuously

## Safe School Environment Checklist:

1. Promote and demonstrate regular hand washing and positive hygiene behaviours and monitor their uptake.  
Ensure adequate, clean and separate toilets for girls and boys.
  - . Ensure soap and safe water is available at age-appropriate hand washing sections.
  - . Encourage frequent and thorough washing (at least 20 seconds).
  - . Place hand sanitizers in toilets, classroom, halls and near exits where possible.
  - . Ensure adequate, clean and separate toilets or latrines for girls and boys.
2. Clean and disinfect school buildings, classrooms and especially water and sanitation facilities at least once a day, particularly surfaces that are touched by many people (railings, lunch tables, sports equipment, door and window handles, toys, teaching and learning aids, ect.)
  - . Use sodium hypochlorite at 0.5% (equivalent 5000ppm) for disinfecting surfaces and 70% ethyl alcohol for disinfection of small items, and ensure appropriate equipment for cleaning staff.
3. Increase air flow and ventilation where climate allows (open windows, use are conditioning where available, ect.)
4. Post signs encouraging good hand and respiratory hygiene practices.
5. Ensure Trash is removed daily and disposed of safely

## Buying Covid-19 Protective Gear:

After the South African Lockdown many people and places will once again start Panic buying bulk of the whole Covid-19 Protective gear: To view a list of suppliers and places you can buy all relevant protective gear [click here](#)