

The Plan of Action for the 2020-21 academic year presented by the Department of Education

Families of the Rius,

A few days ago, the Department of Education of the Generalitat presented the Action Plan for the 2020-2021 academic year. This document contains instructions for the opening of schools in the coming year, taking into account the coronavirus pandemic situation.

The plan is based on three concepts: the organization of stable coexistence groups, personal prevention measures, and on the control of symptoms.

Below we have attached the entire document so that you can consult it, and we also have summarized the most important lines of each section.

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Physical distance

For the stable groups, it is not necessary to require the already established physical safety distance of 1.5 meters. In the classroom of a stable group, the organization of space is only required to ensure a minimum interpersonal distance of 1 meter.

Hand washing

For the children and adolescents:

- Upon arrival and departure from the school.
- Before and after meals.
- Before and after the WC.
- Before and after the different activities (including when going to the patio).

For the staff working at the school, handwashing should be carried out:

- Upon arrival at the school, before contact with the children.
- Before and after coming into contact with food, the children's meals and their own.
- Before and after accompanying a child to the toilet.
- Before and after going to the toilet.
- Before and after blowing a child's nose (with single-use tissues)
- At least once every two hours.

Use of mask

There is a table in Catalan on the Generalitat website, but in short if your child is in the first or second cycle (0-6 years), a mask is not required nor is it recommended for children in the first cycle.

All other students do not need to wear a mask when they are in the classroom with their stable grouping. But when they are outside the classroom and it is impossible to maintain the minimum physical distancing, they must put on a mask.

As for teaching and non-teaching staff, if they are in a stable group a mask is recommended but not required. Otherwise, they must wear a mask when it is impossible to maintain the minimum physical distancing.

All Masks must be hygienic and compliant with UNE standards.

Control of Symptoms

Families should be held responsible for the health status of their sons and daughters. At the beginning of the course, they will sign a declaration of responsibility that they will:

- state that they are aware of the current situation of the pandemic with the risk that this entails and, therefore, they will comply with the measures that may be necessary at all times.
- promise not to take the child to the school in the event that they display symptoms of COVID-19, or have displayed any symptoms in the last 14 days, and to immediately notify the heads of the school so that they may take appropriate measures.

Case management

In the document from the Generalitat you will find all the procedures that should be followed if there is someone with symptoms in the school.

School cafeteria space

- The elementary schools that already had a cafeteria in operation will continue to have it this September.
- If the organization of the school allows it, it is best that the food be done in the usual space of the school cafeteria. If it is not possible, the students will be able to eat in the classrooms or in the spaces that have been set up for this purpose.
- Several stable groups can coincide and the members of the same stable group will sit together at one or more tables.
- If there are students from more than one group at the same table, an empty chair must be left between them.
- In very crowded dining rooms it is advisable to assess the performance of more shifts.

Access to the patio

- Access to the patio must be staggered.
- Each stable group must remain together and when they share the space with other groups, they must maintain a sanitary distance between them and, when this cannot be maintained, wear masks.

Entrance and exit from the school

- Entrances and exits from the school will also be done in a staggered manner.

- The school will identify all possible entry and exit points, and mark which groups will access each point.
- In each of the access points, entry and exit will be made by one or more stable groups at intervals of 10 minutes each.
- Students should wear the mask until they enter the classroom of their stable group.
- Adults accompanying children or young people must be as limited as possible and must strictly comply with the physical distance measures for safety and the use of a mask, limiting as much as possible their stay at the entrances to the school.
- Families will not have access to the school except when required by the school. In the case of P3 “adaptación” students in September, only with the necessary hygiene measures.

Outings and Colonias

- Outings, colonias, and extracurricular activities may be carried out with the necessary prevention and security measures.

School transportation

- In order to limit contact, active mobility (walking, cycling ...) will be encouraged.
- In school transportation, all seats may be used and a mask must be used.

Taking into account the uncertainties about how the school and the Department of Education will approach the return in September - with the coronavirus still active - a group of families has started to work with the AFA on the needs of families, children, and the school. If you want to add yourself, you can write an email to info@somrius.cat and let us know.

All participation will be welcome!

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