



## **COVID-19 SAFETY POLICY**

### **Health and safety committee:**

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### **1. Introduction**

On 31 January 2022, Cabinet took a decision to end rotational schooling with immediate effect. School closures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the rotational schooling, presented a significant negative impact to learners' education, protection, wellbeing and nutrition. The Basic Education sector has welcomed the Cabinet decision, and a directive is hereby issued for all primary, secondary and special schools from both public and independent schools to resume full time attendance on Monday 07 February 2022. All teachers, non-teaching school staff, all learners as well as all officials should return to school and offices with effect from 07 February 2021.

### **2. COVID-19 Interventions**

Taking into account the resumption of full-time schooling, the regulatory provision for 1-meter social distancing in schools has been removed with immediate effect.

The following non-pharmaceutical measures should be maintained and adhered to by schools and education offices:

- Wearing of non-surgical face masks by all learners, teachers, non-teaching staff and visitors.
- Face mask breaks for learners (5 – 15 minutes for every 2 hours during the school day) where they can safely remove their masks in an outdoor area.
- Washing of hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitisers.
- Placing of 70% alcohol-based hand sanitisers in each classroom, at entrances and exits, and near lunchrooms as well as halls so that sanitising of hands should be done when entering and leaving these venues.
- Maintaining good ventilation by opening doors, windows and/or using fans for air circulation.
- School buildings and equipment must be cleaned thoroughly and regularly by following the environmental health cleaning and disinfection protocols. Household bleach is recommended for this purpose. No fogging and spraying of buildings as part of environment cleaning should be done. Instead, surfaces should be wiped with a wet cloth.

### 3. Isolation for COVID-19 positive cases

Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and their contacts are no longer required to isolate. **ONLY** people who have symptoms or are advised by a health care worker should isolate for not more than 7 days after which the learner, teacher, school support staff or official should return to school/office.

### 4. Sports and Extracurricular Activities

The following activities may resume with spectators, subject to compliance with the hygiene and safety measures on COVID-19:

- All contact sport and non-contact sport, including training, intra-school and interschool games.
- All arts and culture intra-school and inter-school activities.
- All co-curricular and enrichment programmes.


### 5. School Entry and Exit Points

Entry points grade 8 and 10 (Gate 6)

Grade 9 and 11-(Gate 3 motorised gate)

Grade 12-( Gate 3 pedestrian gate)

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