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Attendance at school during coronavirus safety measures

Students should be attending school, unless counter to advice issued by Commonwealth and Victorian Chief Medical Officers

Precautionary measures made by the Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer remain in place to manage and mitigate the risks of coronavirus.

The Department is aware that, in some schools, news coverage has led to high rates of absenteeism and strong responses from parents.

All students should be attending school, unless this is counter to the advice issued by Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer.

While it is understandable that many people may be concerned about the risk, it is important that we treat all members of our community with compassion and consideration – not division and distrust – and let Victoria's health system do what it does best.

To assist you in communicating to your school community about this, a template email to parents is provided for your consideration, translated versions are also available in simplified Chinese and Vietnamese.

More information

A fact sheet is available summarising guidance and resources on multicultural learning and Bully Stoppers, as well as other important resources.

Please refer to the Department's coronavirus web page, for the latest advice and information, including advice on:

- continuity of learning for students who are not attending school
- international students and families hosting
- international travel
- maintaining good health hygiene at school
- health promotion posters and materials
- information, resources and contacts related to coronavirus.

If your school is part of the International Student Program, there are FAQs available online on the ISP School Toolkit.

https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/sites/i/Pages/school.aspx#/app/news/detail/3574/