



Information Letter - (School Information about COVID-19)

San Agustin, 1st February 2021

Dear Families,

This Information Letter is intended to cover two crucial needs: **remind** and enforce measures already informed about Security and Hygiene Protocols; and **give information** about recurrent issues or questions sent by the families and worth to be shared due its nature. At the end of this Information Letter, you will find a list of documents that extends and details the procedures.

The different aspects listed below affect differently to each group and level. Except for very specific activity groups (i.e. After school activities, *Gabinete* and more) to whom information is given personally or particularly, these aspects are informed generally to emphasize on those which globally set up an intervention scheme for which a steady and enforced information should be kept.

1. Reminder of Protocols: Prevention, Hygiene and Protection.

- I. **Prevention:** It entails the fulfilment of access protocols (entry and exit, inner mobility, respect and routines care) in the scope of work, organization and use of spaces and social distancing according to the signage and the Contingency Plan (available in *RSC, Salud y Educación*) and other guidelines established for certain groups.
- II. **Hygiene and Protection:** It entails the proper use of the protective equipment set out by the regulations or by the school protocol* for each area.

* Occasionally an extra protection equipment could be determined for an area, like canteen attendants (screening) or 4-5 years old students (use of masks during a specific activity) when routines, proximity or other circumstances recommend it. We expect that everyone shows his/her collaboration with these non-compulsory measures.

As you may know, there are other different protective measures taken like venting spaces, PPEs dedicated to staff carrying out individual cares, for the canteen, for the cleaners, etc. Cleaning procedures are monitored regularly, and high-risk areas are sanitized periodically. According to the Prevention Service Protocols, staff with special vulnerabilities has been identified and informed, and specific measures have been taken, so we beg for your understanding and collaboration when requested even if it affects to the provision of tasks and timetables.

2. Contingency, Lockdown and Back to School Protocols.

In this section, we include information about the school procedure after a confirmed case is detected. We would like to clarify that we also consider information about suspicious cases (i.e. confirmed by a Public Health PCR test or by authorized hospitals for tracing analysis) notified by parents or guardians, so the operation for contact identification and extra measures is brought forward.

Identification of Close Contacts in Children Without Mask

**-Criteria set for the definition of close contact in the school:
Information drawn from the Health Promotion regulation.**

You are a close contact if:

- You have given cares (for example, hygiene and food care) to a positive, you are a household member, or you have had any other physical contact with a positive.
 - Communitywide, you have been in the same place that a positive to a distance below 1.5-2 metres* during more than 15 minutes.
- * Prevention and Health Promotion Services carry out a research and case detection in environments in which an assessment of the performance of the prevention measures has been made (venting, hand wash and routines).
- In means of transport, you are placed within two seats of a positive.
 - You are part of the school team (teacher or any other employee) and you have shared space with a positive at a distance <2 metres with an inadequate use of your mask during more than 15 minutes.

¿When should you make a PCR test if you are a student and have a positive COVID-19 classmate?

Hereby, you can find attached general information for peace of mind. Please, note that this information may vary depending on the alert level: *There can be cases of employees or students that despite **not having close contact*** with a confirmed positive **may be** under monitoring (by the Health Promotion Team; Tracing Teams) to determine if they change their status to **close contact**. This procedure will be determined by the tracers attending to routines, type of mask used..., or, in the case of teachers, attending to the time spent with children under 5 years old that use no mask, etc.*

We kindly remind that, once somebody is designed as close contact, the Primary Care Service is the responsible of informing and establishing the date for the PCR test, **determining the compulsory lockdown period as well.**

¿Which distance should I leave within other people at the parking? *We must set an example and keep a **minimum** distance of 1.5 metres. We must do that as well in benches; limit our staying time to the minimum and **always** wear our mask properly.*

Inquiries for additional information (COVID Team)

Although it is impossible to inform about all the protocols, general information and measures here, we understand that there is a need to know something else or even have questions now or in the future.

We encourage you to ask for an appointment if you still have doubts or any specific query. The COVID Team carries out weekly meetings to check and monitor cleaning measures and procedures; send relevant information to employees, teachers, services staff, administration staff and suppliers; and, if necessary, identify and share notices about possible risk situations. Thus, we are permanently assessing measures to be taken and those will be revised again when there is a new reconsideration of the actual measures taken for the current alert level in Gran Canaria. As COVID responsible and in collaboration with all the school management, we are committed to be transparent and to inform you obviously ensuring the prescriptive limitations imposed by law. For further information, you can directly write an e-mail to equipocovid@arenassur.com or a.ojeda@arenassur.com.

Information for the families:

General Information Letter 1 Back to School Plan. Available at Secretary.

It entails, but not limited to it, instructions about the following areas:

- 1) Structure and Teaching Plan for lockdown cases.
- 2) Access (entry and exit). (Plans available on the website: «RSC, Salud y Educación»).
- 3) Preventive measures and Contingency Plan and Hygiene. Abstract in *RSC, Salud y Educación*. **
- 4) Services to the families: Timetables, school shop, transport, canteen, etc.

Specific COVID-19 Information Letters - Shared as specific information letter to each relevant group or level.

It entails information about the specific health situation of classes or educational spaces. In the first paragraph, you can check how to detect a positive and the existence or non-existence of close contacts. Then, the positive is invited to maintain a confinement and follow the tracer's instructions. After that, information from the *Sistema Canario de Salud* is given to detect what a close contact is, giving instructions about the possibility of onsite school attendance for the rest and the requirements to be followed.

Lockdown Instructions

It entails specific instructions to be followed if your child is deemed a close contact and has been locked down. Sent exclusively to positive cases and close contacts.

Teaching Plan for lockdown cases.

Depending on the student's level, he/she will be sent the necessary links* In progress. In *Plan Avanza*, this action is made automatically.

** Some documents, plans or procedures may vary. We will inform in a timely manner when this occurs, but we encourage you to ask for new documents as soon as they are available.

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