



Canteen COVID 19 update

- This information is based on advice from the Tasmanian Department of Education's COVID-19 taskforce and Department of Health's Public Health Unit.
- Please seek advice from your Principal at all times as the situation at your school evolves.
- The TSCA continues to support all schools with a canteen. Please contact us on 62238023 or julie@tascanteenassn.org.au if you require further information.



Consider limiting direct counter sales – but counter sales can still be offered depending on school rules about groups of students gathering.



For lunch ordering, canteens should promote and encourage online orders (to minimise exchange of money). Limited money ordering is permitted but needs to be managed.



Adult staff in canteens are to follow physical distancing requirements where practical, as are students when collecting their purchases.



Volunteers are permitted to work in the canteen, but this should be limited where possible to reduce the number of people working in a confined area (i.e. kitchen/canteen).



Consider having a reduced menu if lack of canteen volunteers is an issue.



If canteens offer a 'café style' service (i.e. set area of seating for students to eat food purchased at the canteen), this is covered by advice from the Tasmanian Department of Health. This advice currently limits cafes to a maximum of 10 seated customers at any one time. This may mean some schools will not be able to offer their 'café style' service for the rest of term two.



Please follow strict hygiene requirements (already required when operating a food business), especially regular and thorough handwashing. Do not come to work in the canteen if you are sick.

Online ordering

So that children are not disadvantaged, for families who cannot access on-line ordering limited cash-based ordering or purchases are permitted. If schools don't have an on-line ordering system at all, canteens are still encouraged to operate and provide counter sales where managed appropriately.