

Why children should go to school during the Corona crisis

In many countries, children are staying home during the Corona crisis. In Sweden children are expected to go to school.

Many countries are shutting down the community. People there are in quarantine and can only leave home to go shopping or to exercise. Regulations are strict and those who don't oblige to them are fined or punished in other ways.

In Sweden, instead of shutting down society, we are providing as much information we can in order to increase understanding for correct and incorrect behavior in this situation. Everyone should know how to protect oneself and how to avoid infecting others.

Actions are only forbidden by the government and the Public Health Agency if absolutely necessary. One such rule is that it's prohibited visiting nursing homes. If the elderly are infected they run a high risk of serious disease or even death.

School children are expected in school

Early in the crisis the government decided that those attending secondary schools, high schools and universities are to study from home. Primary schools are different. All children have to go through primary school according to law. It's not a parental choice. Only a few children have been infected and they are only a little bit ill. Therefore they can go to school. When children are infected, they generally don't have as many symptoms. As children are not severely affected by the virus schools can stay open.

But there are also other reasons why children should go to school. Not all children have a secure environment at home. These children can find a safe haven in the school environment, with food, friends and reliable adults around.

It is also important parents can continue going to work. This is crucial for those working in hospitals, police offices, electric companies etc.

There are no plans to shut primary schools. If the government and the Public Health Agency change their minds, media and municipal authorities will be informed, and schools will contact pupils and parents.



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