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Educational actions, in the form of a program of good food preparation practices in households, are of paramount relevance. Such programs should be developed with methodologies consistent with the target audience and should take into account the causes of possible failures. Furthermore, the school place is the ideal setting for early intervention in hygiene education, assuming that childhood is the best time for learning. Children are more open to changes in attitude and can take these habits into households, encouraging hygienic behaviors throughout the family. Dissemination of knowledge as early as possible in the schools is a concrete form of risk communication because it builds trust and credibility.

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