



COVID-19 update

Dear services and providers

The Premier announced additional restrictions for parts of New South Wales in press conferences over the weekend. The Department has outlined what this means per Local Government Area (LGA) to help services and providers understand the latest updates.

The Department is committed to bringing you regular updates as they become available. Please continue to [visit our website for the latest advice](#).

This advice is current as of 8 August 2021 and is subject to change of stay at home orders or an update of the Public Health Order following advice from NSW Health.

Restrictions by LGA or Suburb

LGA	Date effective	Requirements
The following LGAs within Greater Sydney: Blacktown Caddens Campbelltown Canterbury/Bankstown Claremont Meadows Collyton Cumberland Erskine Park Fairfield Georges River Kemps Creek	Through to midnight on 28 August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents are strongly encouraged to keep their children at home if they are able to do so, in order to limit movement in the community• Masks required in early childhood education and care settings• Limit visitors to services (non-essential regulatory visits on hold)• Surveillance testing:• From Saturday 31 July, educators that live in the Canterbury-

<p>Kingswood Liverpool Mt Vernon North St Mary's Orchard Hills Oxley park Parramatta St Clair St Mary's</p>		<p>Bankstown LGA will need to get tested every 3 days if working outside of their LGA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance testing every 7 days is still required for educators who live in Greater Sydney and regularly work on a site more than 50km outside this area. • For educators who work within 50km from Greater Sydney, while it is not in the public health order, it is recommended to get tested for COVID-19 every 7 days.
<p>Greater Sydney (LGAs other than those indicated above and including Sydney, Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour LGAs)</p>	<p>Through to midnight on 28 August 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education and Care services may remain open for those who need it • Masks required in early childhood education and care settings • Limit visitors to services (non-essential regulatory visits on hold) • Surveillance testing: • Surveillance testing every 7 days is still required for educators who live in Greater Sydney and regularly work on a site more than 50km outside this area. • For educators who work within 50km from Greater Sydney, while it is not in the public health order, it is recommended to get tested for COVID-19 every 7 days.
<p>Hunter (including Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland, Port Stephens, Cessnock, Dungog, Singleton and Muswellbrook)</p>	<p>Through to midnight 12 August 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education and Care services may remain open for those who need it • Masks required in early childhood education and care settings • Limit visitors to services (non-essential regulatory visits on hold)
<p>Armidale and Guyra</p>	<p>Through to midnight 15 August 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education and Care services may remain open for those who need it • Masks required in early childhood education and care settings • Limit visitors to services (non-essential regulatory visits on hold)

Keeping our ECE community safe

- Any staff, children or parents who have been to a location with a confirmed COVID-19 case will need to follow the NSW Health advice.
- People who have been to an identified venue of concern who have been identified as a close contact, will need to follow the advice from NSW Health and get tested and self-isolate for 14 days. This information will have been communicated directly to those who are close contacts.
- If you have been to one of the venues on the [NSW Government website](#) and have not yet been contacted by NSW Health, please call 1800 943 553.
- Anyone who is a close contact must isolate for the full 14 days as directed by NSW Health and cannot return to any Early Childhood Service during this time.
- Anyone who has even the mildest of symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting or extreme tiredness should immediately be tested and isolate until they get a negative test result. When they are free of symptoms, they can return to your service.

For more information

The Department regularly updates the [COVID-19 Guidelines for ECEC services](#) based on advice from NSW Health.

Educators are encouraged to regularly check the [NSW Health website](#) regarding up to date restrictions in NSW.

If you have any questions about your service operation you can contact the Information and Enquiries team on 1800 619 113 or by emailing ececd@det.nsw.edu.au.



[View previous updates](#)

Copyright © 2021 Early Childhood Education, All rights reserved.

Sent to all services and providers in NSW

Our mailing address is:

Early Childhood Education

L 8 10 Valentine Avenue

Parramatta, NSW 2150

Australia

[Add us to your address book](#)

[unsubscribe from this list](#)

