



COVID-19 Update

What you need to know:

- Vaccination requirements during an emergency

Dear services and providers

It's been so exciting to hear from you all that many services have welcomed back more children and families this week. We hope that those of you who work in Out of School hours care enjoy having more students back on site.

Services should continue to follow COVID-safe practices and:

- Make sure educators [wear masks](#) indoors. Masks are highly recommended for primary school age children indoors
- Make sure parents are using [QR codes](#) when they pick up and drop off
- [Follow ventilation](#) guidance
- Follow guidelines on [physical distancing](#)

We have continued to hear from a number of services with specific questions on COVID-safe operations.

Vaccination requirements for emergency staff

Vaccination is required for all early childhood education and care educators and staff by 8 November 2021 under the current [Public Health Order \(PHO\)](#). Two doses of the COVID-19 vaccination will be required by this date.

Requirements to be vaccinated do not apply to workers who need to visit early childhood sites during an emergency.

An emergency is defined as:

- A serious, unexpected and dangerous situation
- An event posing an immediate and serious risk to the operation of the early childhood premise and to the children and staff in that premise

An emergency in an early childhood setting might include a medical emergency, a fire, a gas leak, or a fault with the sewerage system for example.

Only vaccinated workers can attend where the situation is not an emergency.

For more information

The best protection from COVID-19 is vaccination and the NSW Government requires all early childhood education and care service educators and staff to be vaccinated in line with the Public Health Order.

Our [website continues to be updated](#) with information and frequently asked questions about vaccination requirements.

We encourage staff to review our [COVID-19 guidelines for ECEC services webpage](#) regularly, and to access our [sector updates](#).

Educators are encouraged to regularly check the [NSW Health website](#) and [NSW Government 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.



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