

What you need to know:

- The Australian Government has announced financial support for impacted early childhood education services that have been closed for more than seven days.
- Impacted services can now access our NSW Floods Support and Assistance webpage to find resources and information.
- Services are reminded to protect children and educators against mosquito bites, due to the risk of Japanese encephalitis (JE) virus.

Dear services and providers

Many early childhood education and care services across NSW have been impacted by floods and storms, with a number of services remaining non-operational due to resulting damage.

Australian Government support

Today, the Australian Government announced support payments of \$10,000 to assist early childhood education and care services affected by the floods where they have been closed for more than seven days.

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment has advised they will contact services in New South Wales with more information soon.

NSW Floods Support and Assistance webpage for ECE

We are mindful of the current situation so services can now access our [NSW Floods Support and Assistance webpage](#) to easily find key resources and information for early childhood education services during this time.

This includes:

- Government assistance
- Streamlined applications and notification processes
- Information on the Sector Support Flood Impact Program
- Funding arrangements
- Family support

Reminder NSW Health Alert: Japanese encephalitis virus

Services across NSW are reminded to protect children and educators against mosquito bites, due to the risk of Japanese encephalitis (JE) virus.

The disease can be particularly severe in young children, especially those under 5 years of age.

Please read the NSW Health [public health alert](#) for more information on Japanese encephalitis (JE) virus.

Stay informed:

- [SES](#) - publishes current warnings and provides information and advice about staying safe in a flood.

- [Bureau of Meteorology website](#) - for up-to-date information about the weather in your area.
- [Flood warning system](#) - the Bureau has set up a flood watch for your local area.

More information

For advice and help, please contact us by calling 1800 619 113 and emailing ececd@det.nsw.edu.au.



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