

Coronavirus area specific family communication - 7 July Victorian Campuses 2020



Dear Only About Children Families,

The number of Coronavirus (Covid-19) cases in Victoria continues to increase. In response to this situation, the government has announced a number of changes to the restrictions applied to the State, and to Greater Melbourne.

We have identified your campus as operating in, or close to an impacted area, and as such we are communicating with you today to provide you with further information relating to our response to the situation.

New area specific restrictions

Given the increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases in particular locations, **Stage 3 Stay at Home** restrictions will be reinstated across metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire from 11:59pm on Wednesday 8 July.

As your campus is located within or surrounding an impacted area, we want to confirm that your campus will remain open and we welcome all children to attend care as normal.

We continue to review and adjust our campus practices to ensure adherence to current guidelines as set out by the Department of Health, the Victorian Government and industry bodies.

Our campus teams remain vigilant in their childcare practices and procedures, with their focus on the health and wellbeing of children, families and teams.

At this time, we ask that our families join us in keeping our communities safe by refraining from entering an Oac campus if you or your child is showing symptom of illness. We also ask that you adhere to the advice, guidance and restrictions as outlined by the Victorian Government [here](#).

Reminder of Only About Children's Covid-19 practices

In line with Federal and State government advice, if you have been in close contact with a **confirmed case of coronavirus**, you must isolate yourself for 14 days from the date of last contact with the confirmed case and/ or follow the advice of your medical practitioner or the Department of Health.

In addition to the above, and consistent with previous communications, we also have the following measures in place across all Only About Children campuses and offices:

- Upon entering and leaving the Campus, we ask families to use the hand sanitiser's which are present throughout the campus and at Reception
- Any person or child showing signs or symptoms of any serious illness or infectious disease (including but not limited to fever, cough, sore throat, and other flu like symptoms) should not enter the campus until symptoms resolve and as per our current policy and procedures

- Any person with a confirmed case of Coronavirus will be excluded from care until they are medically cleared to return
- For any children who present with flu-like symptoms whilst in our care, families will be contacted to pick up their child immediately as per our current policy and procedures
- If you have concerns regarding your own or your child's health, please seek medical advice
- As recommended by public health experts, please maintain high hygiene practices:
 - Frequently clean hands using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water
 - When coughing and sneezing, cover mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue – throw the tissue away immediately and wash hands
 - Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever and/or cough.

As always, all our campus teams will ensure safe childcare practices are followed, including an increased focus on children's hand washing procedures, hygiene, and monitoring of general health and wellbeing.

Please do reach out if you have any queries, either directly to your Campus Director or our Family Support team on 138 622.

Warm regards,

Only About Children Family Support Team