# COVID-19

### Management of <u>confirmed</u> cases within early childhood education and care services

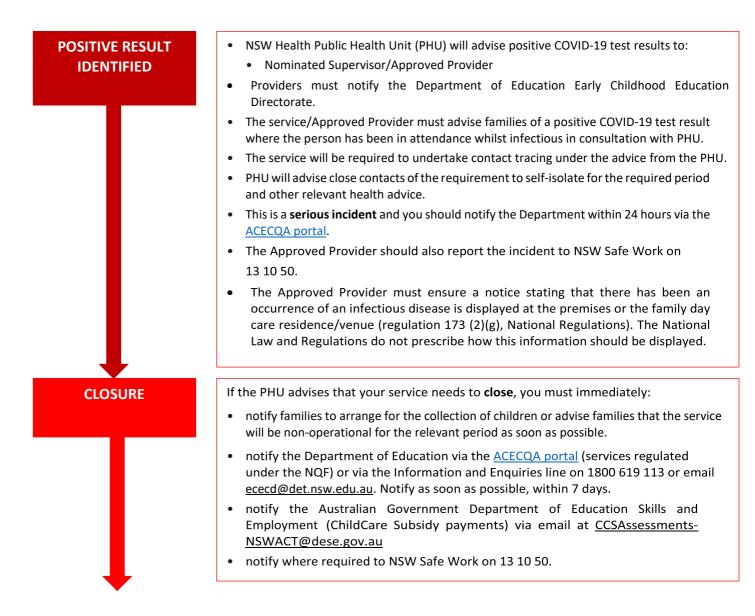
Approved Providers must have a process for managing a child, family member, educator or staff member testing positive for the virus as part of a service's COVID-19 risk mitigation strategy.

#### General health advice from the NSW Government

Anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms, even if very mild, should **not** attend the service, and should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u> include:

- fever (37.5°C or higher);
- cough;
- sore/scratchy throat;
- shortness of breath;
- loss of smell or taste;
- other symptoms include fatigue, runny nose, muscle or joint pain, headache, diarrhoea, nausea/ vomiting and loss of appetite.

Anyone being tested for COVID-19 must stay at home (and self-isolate) until they get a negative test result and are well.



CLEANING	<ul> <li>NSW Health recommends cleaning using the NSW SafeWork cleaning guidance. The Staying Healthy in Childcare guidelines released by the National Health and Medical Research Council provide general infection control advice that is tailored to childcare settings. Further information can be found <u>here</u>.</li> </ul>
COMMUNICATION	<ul> <li>Issue information to the families confirming you have completed the contact tracing process, that all relevant staff and children have been notified by NSW Health of the self-isolation requirements, and the facility has been appropriately cleaned and is ready to resume operations.</li> <li>The service will remain vigilant in applying their infection control procedures and communications with all who are affected, including:         <ul> <li>Families</li> <li>educators and staff</li> <li>any other visitors.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
RETURN TO OPERATIONS	• You must notify the relevant stakeholders once PHU advises your service can reopen. This includes updating your service's open/close status on the <u>ACECQA portal</u> and with the Australian Department of Education Skills and Employment (Childcare Subsidy payments) or contact the Information and Enquiries line.

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hours and on weekends.

### General Health advice for early childhood education and care services

•	Children and staff must <b>not</b> attend if they are unwell, even if they have very mild symptoms.
•	Staff and children should provide a negative COVID-19 test result prior to returning to the service if they have been unwell with flu-like symptoms.
•	Services must remain vigilant in excluding staff and children for the required period where they have infectious illnesses or symptoms.
•	Services should promote the need for staff to get tested and remain in self-isolation while they are waiting for test results.
•	Services must ensure they have accurate records including names and contact information for all children and other persons working or visiting the service. These records must be readily available to enable contact tracing, including after

Further information on COVID-19 is available via the <u>NSW Health website</u>.