



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) MANAGEMENT POLICY FAQ

Effective from 4 April 2022

How will the centre determine if a child has “spent more than 4 hours” with a positive case?

Your child will be considered as having spent more than 4 hours if they have attended the same room as the child (e.g. Star/Moonlight/Magic room) for 4 hours or more.

How is the day my child can return calculated?

According to National Protocols a person is considered infectious for 2 days before they tested positive. The **last** day of exposure will be day Zero, your child will be required to Isolate for 3 days and can return on day 4 provided they have had a negative test.

For example:

A person attends the centre Monday and Tuesday and returns a positive test on Wednesday.

They are considered infectious for the two days they attended.

- If your child attended on Monday and/or Tuesday then Tuesday is day zero, they will be excluded from the Centre Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and will be able to return Monday provided they have had a negative test.
- If your child attended on Monday only then Monday is day zero, they will be excluded from the Centre Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and will be able to return Friday provided they have had a negative test.

Or

A person attends the centre Wednesday and Friday and returns a positive test on Sunday. They are considered infectious for the Friday they attended.

- If your child attended on Friday that is day zero, they will be excluded from the Centre Monday and will be able to return Tuesday provided they have had a negative test.
- If your child attended on Wednesday or Thursday they will not be excluded

Will I be charged whilst my child is excluded?

In the event of exclusion, at this time, parents may be charged. As per the Government guidelines Fees may be waived if:

1. They, or a member of their immediate household, must isolate due to COVID-19.
2. The child is at a higher risk of severe disease from COVID-19.
3. The service, or a room at the service, is closed due to COVID-19.



4. The state or territory has restricted access to child care in a region due to COVID-19.

CoM recognises the challenge this may place on some families and is constantly exploring and reviewing this situation. In the event of a closure specific information will be provided to families to confirm if fees are able to be waived or not. Where possible the gap fee will be waived for the exclusion period as per the decision of the COM on 3 Feb 2022.

Will I be provided with RATs to test my child who is classified as a close contact?

As per press release from the Victorian Government on the 08/02/2022 – “free rapid antigen tests to be available to all children aged 3 to 5 attending early childhood education services.” Families are advised to contact the director for further information if this applies.

Why are RATs not provided for all children?

Childcare for children aged 0-3 is the responsibility of the Federal Government, who have not pledged to provide free RATs for children in the centre. Care for 3-5 year old children in Kinder is the responsibility at a state level by the Victorian Government and as above and per press release on the 08/02/2022 – “free rapid antigen tests to be available to all children aged 3 to 5 attending early childhood education services.”

I have more than one child at the centre, will they all be excluded?

Provided your other child/children are not showing symptoms they will still be able to attend for the period of exclusion.