

4.14.1 Currumbin Kids Club COVID -19 Policy

July 2025: COVID-19 is no longer a Communicable Disease Incident of National Significance.

The Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing are now managing COVID-19 like other common communicable diseases with a focus on prevention, reducing transmission and managing serious illness and hospitalisations. Refer and follow policy 4.14 CKC Infectious Diseases Response Strategy Policy. (Reference: <https://www.health.gov.au/topics/covid-19/what-we-are-doing-about-COVID-19>)

This policy has been developed to protect children, educators and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic and reduce the spread. In line with current government advice, Currumbin Kids Club encourages families to keep their children home where possible and encourages children to ONLY attend when families are unable to keep their children home and cannot arrange alternate care, this includes parents who are still required to work and also vulnerable children at risk. Currumbin Kids Club will remain operational unless directed otherwise by health authorities or regulatory bodies and Currumbin State School. (Post lockdown (s) services will resume as normal with parents / carers / guardian signing children in and out of the service)

Educators will continue to follow Currumbin Kids Club specific policy and procedures including Policy Group 2: Children "Provision and Safety of Facilities", Policy Group 4: Health and Wellbeing, Policy Group 5 " Food and Nutrition" and "Policy Group 6: Provision and Safety of Facilities" which outlines our usual day to day hygiene practices and illness and infectious disease control measures. Our current COVID-19 Risk Assessment will also remain in place and these measures will continue to be followed. Currumbin Kids Club will follow Queensland Health advice during this time and will remain operational as per this advice. As per the Currumbin State School readiness for school closure plan the Services Manager will take all technology home every day so that Educators and families can be contacted immediately once school closure has been announced.



Relevant Laws and other Provisions

The laws and other provisions affecting this policy include:

- Education and Care Services National Law Act, 2010 and Regulations 2011
- *National Quality Standard and Framework*
- [Australian Government Department of Health](#)
- National Coronavirus Health Information Line



Procedures

PRIORITY OF ACCESS

As stated, families are encouraged to follow government advice and keep their children home where possible. Currumbin Kids Club will remain operational and accessible to all children unless advised otherwise by health officials, regulatory bodies, or Currumbin State School. Currumbin Kids Club will operate with a priority of access that will be in line with the most up to date government advice. This priority of access will cover.

- Essential workers
- Vulnerable or disadvantaged children
- Already enrolled children (**fees are still required to be up to date to access care**)
- New enrolments

Waitlists will be created when required and priority of access will apply.

WHO CAN NOT ENTER OUR SITE

- Any persons who have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Any persons who have been instructed to self-isolate.
- Unwell persons including children parents/carers and staff. This includes anyone with flu like symptoms such as fever, sore throat, coughing, sneezing and shortness of breath.
- Anyone who has returned from overseas travel within the last 14 days.

Encouraged not to enter site:

Staff and parents/carers who have any autoimmune disease, are over 65 years of age, Indigenous and Torres strait islander persons over 50 years of age, have asthma or respiratory problems or other health concerns are encouraged not to enter premises.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

- Please do not enter the centre premises, a staff member will be available each session in the foyer area to sign your child/ren in and out. Families are being encouraged to sign children in and out of the service unless advised otherwise by Queensland Health (updated July 2020)
- Please ensure an authorised contact is dropping off and picking up each session.
- Doors will remain fully open so there is no reason to touch anything upon entering and exiting.
- Hand sanitiser is available in the foyer area and our educators will disinfect the tablet.
- Please make a conscious effort NOT to touch any other resources.
- Please encourage your child(ren) to wash their hands immediately upon arrival.
- Currumbin Kids Club will maintain ratios throughout each session and when dropping and collecting the children to the administration office at 8.30am and collecting them at 2.45pm.
- Please ensure you are not attending the service if you are from a hot spot in NSW or at all from Victoria.
- Please review this policy for the latest updates

MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MAXIMUM CHILDREN IN CARE

Currumbin Kids Club aims to maintain social distancing where practical. Regular discussions with the children are occurring and will continue to occur regarding safe distancing and the reasons behind this. Clusters of children will be encouraged to move a safe distance apart and educators will work together to reinforce this.

FEES AND ENTITLEMENTS

The Government has released a new relief package for childcare services from the 6th April 2020. This package is to ensure services can remain open and provide childcare to essential workers. During the life of this package families will not be charged any gap fees for care and priority of access will apply to essential workers. To clarify, free childcare applies to ALL families regardless of your current working status although **priority of access will apply** as per current government advice. We still urge families to keep their children at home where possible to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and for the safety of those who are attending and the safety of our educators.

Please ensure you are actively paying off any debts on your account. Our policies and procedures around fees being up to date still apply. Any children wishing to re-enroll with existing debt must clear their account prior to making any further bookings under this new relief package.

Please follow the link below for further information regarding the relief package

https://docs.education.gov.au/node/53380?fbclid=IwAR2G1I53rShTmnwtCD4vQJ4SkFJp46TT_3Q9j7w0_0eAq0geTyr7ttLYu10

HYGIENE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The COVID-19 Risk assessment is available at the entry of the hall and in the Currumbin Kids Club room. Families can request a copy.

The risk assessment will be effective and will remain effective until further notice. This risk assessment outlines additional measures to maintain hygiene during this pandemic. Our usual hygiene practices are exceptionally high and will remain effective whilst following these additional measures. Surfaces will be cleaned regularly with warm soapy water. Disinfectant will be used where areas are visibly soiled.

FURTHER SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

In recognition that children, along with their families and the broader community, are feeling the impact of the significant social disruption and health concerns associated with COVID-19, a number of resources are available specifically designed to support for children, educators, families and the community.

Emerging Minds have published a new resources for [supporting children during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#), which includes a video, fact sheets and tips about what you can expect and how you can help children cope. [Coronavirus and children in Australia](#), which includes health information and guidance about talking with children about COVID-19.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please visit the [Australian Government Department of Health](#) for the latest health advice.

The **Australian Government Department of Health** has also released a collection of [COVID-19 resources](#) for the general public.

Please contact the 24/7 **National Coronavirus Health Information Line** on 1800 020 080 which provides health and situation information on the outbreak.

If you need help with translation services while seeking help, you can contact the **Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National)** on 131 450 or tisnational.gov.au.

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