

Social distancing in early childhood education services

Social distancing plays a key role in preventing the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please consider these additional measures within your long day care centre or kindergarten services:

- Stagger morning tea and lunch breaks where possible
- Implement good hygiene practices amongst children and staff, including washing hands
- Ensure good health and hygiene measures are employed across your centre or service, including ensuring soap is available.
- Display the [Reduce your Risk](#) posters around your service (please contact helpline and emergency contact numbers are listed here)
- Implement the practice of all staff, children, parents and carers washing their hands upon arrival.
- Consider the setup of your room and the placement of the activities. For table activities, set up activity only at each end of the table. Apply this consideration to eating areas, and where cots and highchairs are. If space is limited, consider staggering eating and sleeping times at intervals.
- Wherever possible (weather dependent) and you have enough staffing for adequate supervision, to deliver an indoor/outdoor program or simply try and spend more time outdoors.
- Minimise group times and seek out opportunities to engage with the children/read books/story telling with one or two children at a time throughout the day.