



G L E N E L G V I C

COVID-19

At Glenelg Shire Council, we take seriously the health and wellbeing of our staff and families, and we are continually reviewing the way we provide education and care to ensure that health risks are minimised as much as possible. One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

FAMILIES ARE REMINDED THAT STAFF/CHILDREN ARE NOT TO ATTEND ECEC SERVICES IF THEY ARE SHOWING ANY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19. THESE INCLUDE;

- FEVER
- COUGH
- SORE THROAT
- SHORTNESS OF BREATH
- RUNNY NOSE OR CONGESTION
- TEMPORARY LOSS OF SMELL/TASTE
- MUSCLE/JOINT PAINS
- DIARRHOEA
- NAUSEA/VOMITING
- FATIGUE

IF YOUR CHILD TESTS NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19 AND THEY DEVELOP NEW SYMPTOMS THEY MAY BE ASKED TO RETURN HOME.

Your child can only return to education and care when they are completely symptom free. A medical certificate is not required, however may be helpful in the following circumstances:

- Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. Please provide a copy of the doctor's letter to the service stating that your child is fit to attend education and care along with the symptoms and treatment plan for your child's hay fever, asthma diagnosis or other circumstance.
- Younger children may have prolonged post viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough. Where slight symptoms persist Council will require a medical certificate to confirm the child is otherwise well or has recovered from their acute illness. For information on the minimum period's children need to stay at home

for other conditions, refer to the Department of Health school exclusion table.
<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/infectious-diseases/school-exclusion-table>

Parents and carers are strongly recommended to advise the service of the child's COVID-19 positive test result. You should also report your positive result to the Department of Health via the COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or call centre on 1800 675 398.

Advice and further resources about what to do if you test positive to COVID-19, or you have been told you are a contact, are at [Your COVID Checklist | Coronavirus Victoria](#)