



Covid-19 Lockdown lifted 4pm Wednesday 11 August 2021 – Cairns and Yarrabah areas

Dear Families,

I am pleased to advise that the Queensland Chief Health Officer has announced restrictions will ease for the Cairns and Yarrabah areas that have been in lockdown.

Centres open for all children from Thursday 12 August 2021

From Thursday 12 August, childcare centres, kindergartens and schools will reopen for all children.

For C&K this means that all children will be able to return to kindergarten / childcare / outside school hours care from tomorrow.

Our centre staff will continue to wear a mask throughout the day as per the Public Health Directions. Please ensure that (unless exempt) you are wearing a mask when you arrive at your centre.

C&K Centres in Cairns and Yarrabah will continue to operate within the [C&K Commitment Statement](#) **Response Level Orange** for the next week.

This means:

- a limit of one parent/guardian (or authorised emergency contact) per child during arrival and departure routines. Siblings may attend at these times, but we ask this be limited wherever possible.
- Centre arrival and departure routines may need to change, your centre Director will let you know.

- If your child travels to the centre by public transport they will need to change clothes upon arrival, teachers/educators will support the children to change clothing.
- If you are a frontline health worker who is unable to change your clothes after completing a shift, please see your centre Director. We will support you with an alternative departure routine.
- Anyone over the age of 12 will need to wear a mask when entering the centre, unless you have a lawful reason not to.
- The centre will suspend any excursions, incursions or centre events until further notice.

Children & adults with any illness or symptoms

Due to the current concerns about the transmission of disease we are not able to accept any child into a kindergarten or childcare centre if they have any illness or flu like symptoms including, but not limited to, runny nose, fever, diarrhoea, cough, or sore throat. Children who have had an illness may be required to provide a doctor's clearance to return to the centre. While we understand that this will be inconvenient – it is essential that all children are healthy and well while attending our centres. A doctor's clearance can usually be obtained via a telehealth appointment.

If you, or a member of your household, is directed to quarantine or self-isolate – your child cannot attend a kindergarten or childcare setting until that isolation/quarantine order is lifted.

Contact tracing

Please continue to regularly monitor the [Queensland Government website](#) for the latest health advice and list of contact tracing locations. The locations are being added to regularly, so it is important everyone is aware of the up-to-date locations. If you have been to any of the listed locations, you should refer to the online self-assessment, get tested and isolate immediately, as well as inform your kindergarten or childcare centre.

If you have any questions, please contact our dedicated C&K Coronavirus Advice Line at advice@candk.asn.au or call 07 3513 2591.

We thank you for your cooperation as we continue to negotiate the changing conditions.

Kind regards,

Dr Sandra Cheeseman

Chief Operating Officer