

Update COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate for early childhood education and care centres.

Communication to C&K families - 20 December 2021

Dear Families,

We would like to provide you with an update on C&K's commitment to keeping our children, families and staff safe during the ongoing [COVID-19 pandemic](#).

Under the Queensland Government's [COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Workers in a high-risk setting Direction](#) from Friday 17 December all workers in schools, kindergartens, and childcare centres were required to have received at least one dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccination and must be fully vaccinated by 23 January 2022.

Since the Government announced the mandate, C&K has worked hard to meet our obligations and we are pleased to inform you that *only workers who are vaccinated* against COVID-19 are now working in our centres. This includes all teachers and educators, as well as volunteers and students on vocational placement. We are also implementing a new procedure for all contractors entering the centre and will be confirming their vaccination status in accordance with the Direction.

Quick Vaccination Mandate Reminders

- Families, carers and authorised contacts *do not* need to be vaccinated to visit our centres and complete drop off and pick up.
- If you are volunteering alongside our teachers and educators to support the delivery of the educational program (for example on excursions), you will be required to have received at least one dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccination and be fully vaccinated by 23 January 2022.

Queensland Mask Mandate – [Click here to access the QLD Government update](#)

From Friday 18 December masks are again mandatory in indoor retail, hospitals, aged care, public transport and rideshare vehicles across Queensland. This requirement does not currently cover workplaces such as childcare centres. However, it is recommended that people wear a mask if they cannot socially distance while inside our centres.

Updated COVID-19 Commitment Statement

In 2022, it is likely we will see more COVID-19 cases in our community than we have previously lived with. As we prepare for this “new normal”, we will launch our updated Commitment Statement early next year. The revised update is more streamlined and easier to understand. These improvements will help us meet new challenges, follow updated Health Directives and continue to respond efficiently to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. You can also find the latest coronavirus updates and information for families on our [C&K website](#).

Thank you for working with us this year to keep all children, staff and the community safe and well at C&K. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to continuing to support you and your children on their learning journey next year.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the C&K Coronavirus Advice Line on 07 3513 2590 or 07 3513 2591 or via advice@candk.asn.au.

Kind Regards,

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