South Australian COVID-19 Forward Plan for Education 2021: Early Childhood Services

### Delivery Mode
- Early childhood services are open with COVID safe measures in place.
- All staff/educators working onsite, unless they have agreed (case-by-case) management plans with their site leader.
- Early childhood services remain open unless directed to close by SA Health due to a confirmed case or in the event of significant outbreak.
  - If a confirmed case(s) is identified the site will be directed to close and undertake deep cleaning. The site will reopen to all staff/educators and children other than those directed to quarantine at the soonest possible time on advice from SA Health.
  - If SA Health identifies a significant regional/localised outbreak, sites will remain open with skeleton staff/educators only for children that need to attend.

### COVID Safe Measures
- **Vaccination:**
  - all staff, governing council members and employees, contractors and volunteers must receive at least 1 dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine by 10 December 2021
  - all staff/educators must update their vaccination status with their employer (for Department for Education staff this is via EIK).
- **Masks optional indoors** for adults, including staff/educators until SA Health requirement to reinstate in response to transmission risk. Masks recommended for all adult visitors to site.
- **Maximise natural ventilation** by leaving doors/windows open, continue to use air-conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available) and fans, including with doors and windows open, use outdoor learning spaces where appropriate.
- **Maintain good hygiene practices**, including hand washing, sanitiser availability/use.
- **If unwell**, children and staff/volunteers must stay home, regardless of vaccination status or test outcome.
- **Ensure regular environmental cleaning** throughout the day through maintaining full adherence to the National Health and Medical Research Council childcare cleaning guidelines. Department for Education sites have additional daily cleaning.
- All staff and visitors are required to COVID-SAfe check in when entering a building.
- **Physical distancing** of 1.5 metres particularly for those with face mask exemptions.

### Site Operations
- Visitors, including parents, allowed on site and events can proceed as long as all COVID Safe requirements are in place and followed - ie. physical distancing, QR check-in or visitor record of attendance, face mask, sanitiser/hygiene, stay home if unwell. As always, have contingency plans in place and be prepared to postpone or cancel if health settings change.
  - Where possible/applicable:
    - sleep children at least 1.5m apart or head to toe to reduce transmission risk
    - use signage etc to encourage adults to practice physical distancing when on site.
    - modify shifts and rosters, or pick-up and drop-off times to reduce peak periods
    - limit staff moving between services.

### Schools and Preschools

### Contact
Refer to the Department for Education website for more information.