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From: Sharon Gudu <@det.nsw.edu.au>
Sent: Sunday, 15 August 2021 4:04 PM
To: Chiang Lim
Cc: Laura Dawson; Gillian White
Subject: FW: Query: Seeking clarification of today's latest NSW Public Health Order

Hi Chiang
In relation to the below query, pls see the advice below
Regards
Sharon

Please find below current advice available on the NSW gov website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/affected-regions>) with effective date range of:

The rules apply to:

People who live in or are temporarily staying in regional and rural NSW.

Start date: 5pm, Saturday 14 August 2021

End date: 12.01am, Sunday 22 August 2021.

Reasonable excuses to leave home include:

Other reasonable excuses

It is also considered a reasonable excuse to leave your home if you need to

- donate blood
- access childcare
- continue existing arrangements for access to, and contact between, parents and children

Further to this, the NSW gov site also refers to the following:

Children and parenting

Under the stay at home rules, it is a reasonable excuse to leave your home to drop off or pick up children from early childhood education and care services, regardless of where your childcare service is located.

Find out about the COVID-19 safety measures at NSW schools.

- [Department of Education: advice for families](#)

- Early childhood education and care services

Related information

- Com m on questions about children and parenting.

From: Chiang Lim <chiang.lim@childcarealliance.org.au>

Sent: Saturday, 14 August 2021 9:52 PM

To: Sharon Gudu

Subject: CORRECTED: Seeking clarification of today's latest NSW Public Health Order

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Dear Sharon,

I've gone through the latest (ie 14 August 2021) version of the *NSW Public Health (COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak) Order 2021*, and I don't see any changes in the other NSW Public Health Orders. I can only see the following as amendments that are relevant from the perspective and context of ECEC services and parents/guardians:

- the Greater Sydney restrictions and interpretations now apply to regional NSW;
- referring only to Greater Sydney, parents/guardians can continue to drop-off and pick-up their children at ECEC services; and
- a new yet imprecise clause saying that persons must resume wearing their fitted face coverings as soon as practicable after the circumstance ends (see Clause 17(4)).

By omission, does that mean that those parents/guardians outside of Greater Sydney can't drop-off and pick-up their children at ECEC services? (See Schedule 1).

Everything else appears to have remained the same, including for example:

- Authorised Workers allowed to travel outside of their LGAs for work;
- ECEC services can continue to operate as Exempted Gatherings;
- only those Authorised Workers in one declared LGA needs to be COVID tested every 72 hours; and

- any educators/teachers from within Greater Sydney must not enter premises for work that are more than 50 kilometres outside Greater Sydney unless s/he has been tested for COVID-19 in the previous 7 days.

Is that correct?

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