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| 25 March 2020  **COVID-19 information for ACT education and care Services**  The Australian Government announced new measures to combat the spread of COVID – 19 last night. You can find further details of these at the link below.  <https://www.australia.gov.au/>  The position for schools and education and care services remains unchanged. Minister for Early Childhood and Education Yvette Berry posted this video on her [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/YvetteSBerry/) page yesterday to clarify the current arrangements.  At this time although pupil free days have been introduced at ACT schools to allow teachers time to plan for alternative methods of delivering education to children. Schools remain open and continue to provide services for children whose parents are working in essential services or where parents have been unable to make alternative arrangements. The advice from ACT Health remains that it is safe for schools and education and care services to remain open but that increased hygiene practices and social distancing should be applied.  This means that changes in the way activities are offered, for example managing risks by reducing the size of groups, maintaining contact with families by phone and use of technology. Education and care services can access factsheets to support daily practice that can assist with hygiene and physical distancing strategies. To find out more visit the [Education Directorate website](https://www.education.act.gov.au/early-childhood/information-on-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-for-early-childhood).  For enquires in relation to this notification please call CECA on (02) 6207 1114 or email [CECA@ACT.gov.au](mailto:CECA@ACT.gov.au).  This email has been authorised by the ACT Regulatory Authority (CECA). CECA are responsible for administering the National Quality Framework within the ACT. | | |

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