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| Children's Education and Care Assurance |
| 8 January 2021**Important COVID-19 Information for ACT education and care services** Today, Dr Coleman, ACT Chief Health Officer has put in place a new [Public Health Direction](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/travel/queensland-qld#COVID-19-affected-areas-of-Queensland information) declaring Greater Brisbane a COVID-19 hotspot. From 3pm on Friday 8 January 2021, anyone in the ACT who has been in the [COVID-19 affected areas of Greater Brisbane](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/community/travel/queensland-qld#COVID-19-affected-areas-of-Queensland) on or after 2 January 2021 needs to complete a declaration form and immediately enter quarantine for 14 days from when they were last in Greater Brisbane.Providers, Services and Nominated Supervisors should keep up to date with the evolving situation and advise staff and families to follow health advice and self-isolate for fourteen days if they have attended any hotspots.Providers, Services and Nominated Supervisors should monitor educators, staff and children for any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, runny or blocked nose - no matter how mild). Any person showing COVID-19 symptoms should get tested immediately and self-isolate until their test result are returned. Please note staff and children must be excluded from the service until a negative test result is returned. For COVID-19 testing clinic locations visit [http://www.covid19.act.gov.au/.../symptoms-and-getting...](http://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/symptoms-and-getting-tested?fbclid=IwAR3z9TMjHSQsTe39dBsktFozrFJIPmktIrNSDU1F02-5vHDZNBVLa1XtnGM#COVID-19-Testing-Clinic-locations)We know these measures will affect some of you directly and come as very disappointing start to the new year. However, the quarantine period is in place to reduce the risk of an outbreak in the ACT and taking these measures now will help protect educators, children, families and our broader community. For enquires in relation to this notification please email CECA@ACT.gov.au. We will respond to your questions as soon as we can and update our frequently asked questions on our [webpage](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.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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