



## Dealing with Infectious Diseases (Covid-19)

The Rumpus Room Children's Centre is a Child Safe Organisation.

### **Aim:**

Our service will apply measures that prioritise health and safety, including:

- Implementing vigilant hygiene practices that prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including Covid-19
- Encouraging good health and sanitisation
- Monitoring sources of public health information
- Implementing all measures as directed by NSW Government or Federal Government
- Educating and informing our community with current and trusted information.

### **Explanation:**

Our education and care service is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment that reduces the chance of being infected or spreading Covid-19. In recognition of the rapid spread of this disease and the ongoing release of information from authorities, our service needs to respond swiftly and correctly to advice from authorities.

### **Implementation:**

- Regularly and thoroughly cleaning hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitiser or with soap and water
- Encouraging children to avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth as much as possible.
- Following good respiratory hygiene, when coughing or sneezing:
  - cover mouth and nose with bent elbow or tissue and
  - dispose of the used tissue immediately and
  - wash hands with soap and water or, if water is not available, use hand sanitiser.
- Excluding children or staff who are unwell and reasonably suspected to have a communicable disease from the service until they are cleared by a doctor to return.
- Utilising and maintaining the centre risk assessment for specific details in relation to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)

Should there be any concerns regarding the health of a child at the service, families will be asked to seek medical attention. Further guidance may be sought from Healthdirect on 1800 022 222.



Reference: Community Early Learning Australia (CELA) Sample Policy / Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety.