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Dear services and providers,

We have received enquiries from ECE services regarding the NSW Government's updated COVID-19 announcements, including whether the use of face masks is mandatory in ECE services.

This follows the NSW Government's recent announcement on the mandatory use of face masks in certain premises and under certain circumstances.

NSW Health have confirmed that children under 12 years old are exempt from any requirements to wear face masks.

Children over 12 years old and educators and staff at ECE services are not required to wear face masks whilst education and care is being provided, however, they may choose to do so.

It is strongly recommended that visitors to services wear a face mask where practical. For further information about the use of face masks, please visit:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/face-masks>

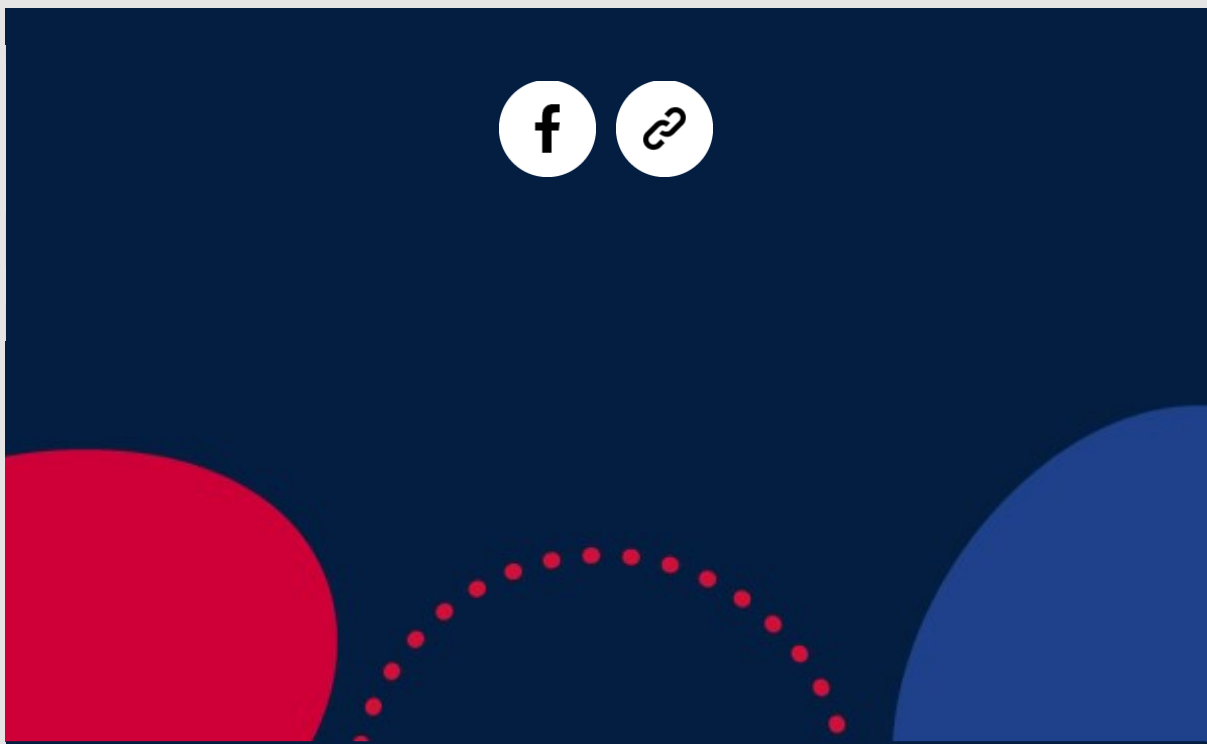
Services should follow COVID-19 safe practices, and are encouraged to keep electronic records of all visitors, preferably by using the Service NSW app. For more information, please visit: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/being-covid->

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In line with previous advice, ECE services are considered essential services. As such, all services in areas declared COVID-19 hotspots may continue to provide education and care.

Any restrictions on the total number of visitors to residences do not apply to family day care residences whilst education and care is being provided.

If you have any questions relating to the new COVID-19 restrictions you can contact the Information and Enquires team on 1800 619 113 or by emailing ececd@det.nsw.edu.au.



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