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Breaking: additional allowable absences in COVID-19 hotspots

The [Australian Government has announced](#) child care services in a [Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspot](#) can access additional allowable absences if the declaration extends for more than seven days.

Families will not have to use their 42 days of allowable absences during the lockdown.

Additional absences will be available until the end of the hotspot declaration.

This means families will still have allowable absence days to use after the lockdown. It also ensures children remain enrolled and providers can continue to receive the Child Care Subsidy.

You can [find out if you are in a Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspot](#) on the Department of Health website.

We'll also email providers and services if they are in a COVID-19 hotspot.

Please ensure your contact details are up to date in the Child Care Subsidy System so you don't miss important information.

Update your details via the [Provider Entry Point](#) or your third-party software.

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