EDUCATION ANDCARE

The ECU COVID-19 Recovery Plan is informed by:

- The objectives and guiding principles of the National Quality Framework (NQF)
- The objectives of the Child Care Act (TAS)
- A collaborative and responsive regulatory approach
- National policy for ECEC recovery
- Tasmania's Roadmap to Recovery
- Department of Education COVIDSafe policies
- The Tasmania's COVID-19 Safe Workplaces Framework, including COVID Safe Workplace Guidelines for Child Care Industry
- Effective risk assessment and management processes
- Consultation with the ECEC sector

This plan will be implemented in stages to align with Tasmania's Roadmap to Recovery which is informed by Public Health advice.

The implementation of this Plan is subject to change. If a second wave or localised outbreaks of COVID-19 occur, progression through the interim and recovery stages may be delayed.

This may also result in variations of practice on a regional or case-by-case basis. All changes will be noti ied to providers and services.

The ECU will communicate which stage of the recovery plan the ECU is at for each stream of work as we move to return to business as usual

Education and Care Unit COVID-19 Recovery Plan

The ECU is listening to the challenges that COVID-19 poses for education and care and child care providers and services. This plan outlines the approach we are taking and how we will support providers and services to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of children and quality educational outcomes for children in the current environment as as we move to towards recovery.

COVID Recovery	INITIAL Restrictions are being eased, as per Public Health advice.	INTERIM Moving through to RECOVERY Further easing of restrictions in line with Tasmania's Roadmap to Recovery Plan.
Monitoring & Compliance	High risk applications & notifications prioritised Visits for high risk matters Monitoring activities are addressed remotely	Visits expand - medium and high risk matters prioritised Recommence proactive monitoring and provider meetings Remote monitoring continues
Assessment & Rating	A&R visits suspended until further notice Consultation to determine readiness and to inform scheduling of visits	Continue consultation with providers, services and SRG Consider priorities for A&R visits Modify practices to reduce time spent in services & address risks
Licensing	Continued licensing activity, without visits Planning for next stages addressing identified risks Consultation with services re activities and visits	Commence licensing renewal visits Amend visit procedures in response to consultation Plan for licensing visits on a case- by-case basis and undertake visits
Grants Program	Visits to services for the purposes of Grant Program have been discontinued. Monitoring of Grants Program activities continues remotely	Maintain communication with Grantees; identify risks and issues and in an appropriate and timely manner. Gather information remotely via phone calls/IT or other means. On-site visits occur only if the need is identified by ECU or by prov request with consultation re mitigation of health risks



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