

Dear playgroupers,

While changes have occurred elsewhere, playgroups will remain closed in Victoria. As playgroups are deemed a gathering of people, we have been advised that they are unable to meet.

I have been in contact with the Department of Health and Human Services throughout this period and am continuing discussions with them so that we remain informed. You can find further details on the DHHS website [here](#).

We acknowledge that when playgroups resume, they may not reflect the pre-COVID-19 playgroup, at least in the initial stages. We have been working behind the scenes to prepare for when playgroups reopen again. We are developing material to guide playgroups in the best possible way, ensuring that any playgroup gatherings are held in a safe and healthy environment. We are working on practical resources based on the advice we receive from appropriate government bodies to help playgroups get up and running as quickly and safely as possible, when restrictions allow.

We are preparing for the road to recovery and your contributions will help to guide our way forward.

Help us keep you up-to-date by subscribing to our latest news [here](#).

Please remember to check out our Facebook group [Playgroups at Home by Playgroup Victoria](#) and/or our [website](#) where you can access our free [activity sheets](#) and sign up to receive our free activity booklets.

We will continue to post updates as we go.

Thank you to all of the families who have been sharing your experiences online and bringing playgroup to life.

We look forward to the time when playgroups can meet again, and hope it is not too far away.

Danny Schwarz
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