

COVID-19 Update

Thursday 22nd of October 2020

Hi Everyone,

The Government has announced further steps in the roadmap to reopening which has some positive impact for Playgroups regionally.

This advice provided here is accurate at the time of publishing. We are continually monitoring the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) website and will make changes as new advice from the DHHS is made available.

Regional Victoria Update

Can my child go to playgroup?

Yes. In-person playgroups in regional Victoria can operate if they are conducted outdoors. Up to ten participants can attend. Both children and their parent or carer count towards the ten person cap. Babies under 12 months of age are not included in the ten person cap.

[Read full update here](#)

All of this will rely on the venue or councils having their Covid safe plans and systems in place. It is unlikely Playgroups in Schools will be able to resume while parents are not permitted on site.

Jump onto our website and download our [Back to Playgroup Guide](#). Ensure that you keep reminding people that if they are sick, have any Covid symptoms, they must stay home.

Metropolitan Melbourne Update

Can my child go to playgroup?

No. All in-person playgroups in metropolitan Melbourne have stopped meeting. However, you can socially interact outdoors as a household with up to four other people (babies under 12 months old do not count towards this limit), provided there no more than two households (including your household) present.

[Read full update here](#)

Find a summary of the latest changes to restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria on the DHHS website here: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/summary-of-the-changes-to-restrictions-for-metropolitan-melbourne-and-regional-victoria>

Playgroup at Home- Free Online Sessions

As many of you are aware, the Playgroup Victoria team have been hosting [Playgroup at Home LIVE sessions](#) via Zoom and have a range of resources families, including a collection of activity sheets and booklets. It has been wonderful to see hundreds of children and their families interacting online. There is something on every weekday. We are going to continue to run these for the rest of the year and into next year.

Visit our Playgroup at Home page [here](#) to discover more.

See below for what we have on offer and click on the links to register.

Baby Playgroup at Home LIVE

Mondays at 10am

These sessions are tailored to children from birth to 12-months

[Learn more HERE](#)



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Playgroup at Home LIVE

Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am
These sessions are for all ages

[Learn more HERE](#)

Move It 4 Kids

Alternate Wednesdays at 10am and Thursdays at 11am
These sessions are for all ages

[Learn more HERE](#)

All Come Out to Play!

Alternate Wednesdays at 10am
These sessions are for all ages

[Learn more HERE](#)

PlayConnect at Home LIVE

Thursdays at 10am

These sessions are for all ages, tailored toward children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, developmental delay or behavioural concerns

[Learn more HERE](#)

MyTime at Home LIVE

Varying dates

These sessions run on selected dates and will address issues for parents and carers raising children with disabilities.

[Learn more HERE](#)

Playgroup at Home Community Facebook Group

Our Playgroup at Home Facebook group is growing every day. If you are not already a member, please feel free to [join HERE](#). This group is a safe space for parents, carers and educators to connect, share news, ideas, events and questions about playgroup.



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Free Family Membership

As we announced in June, we are offering [Free Family Membership](#). We are pleased to now extend the offer until the end of December. This will give you access to all member benefits including: our tip sheets, monthly activity booklets, the playgroup toolkit and much more. If you are already a member, you will receive an email reminder to renew your membership and take advantage of the free 6-month offer. If you are not yet a family member and would like to join, please head to our website via the following link:

Become a Member

Redeem the offer using the promo code **FREE6MONTHS** [here](#)

Getting Back to Playgroup Guide

Our *Getting Back to Playgroup Guide* is available [HERE](#) for download. This booklet includes downloadable templates, resources and checklists designed to assist you in preparing your playgroup to get back to meeting again.

We all look forward to the time when playgroups can resume meeting in community centres, schools, playgrounds and other venues across Victoria. For now, please remember we are here to support you to get back to Playgroup safely.

Be well

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