



March 24th, 2020

Emerald Community House will continue to observe the advice of the Chief Health Officer and adapt its operations as necessary to continue to support the community needs.

[DHHS.vic.gov.au/information-public-novel-coronavirus](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/information-public-novel-coronavirus)

ECH licensed, approved childcare programs (Out of School Hours Care and Occasional Childcare) are running until close of Friday March 27th, subject to any further decisions of the state and federal government. Term 1 holidays for schools have been brought forward in Victoria to commence on March 24th. The decision whether to re-open schools on April 14th will likewise be determined following advice from the Chief Health Officer. ECH will continue to monitor the changing needs for childcare in our area. We welcome requests for childcare services which may be needed to support working parents and families during times of school closures, holiday periods or changing workplaces.

We will be adopting additional protection procedures (including gloves for staff, temperature monitoring and repeated surface disinfection) to ensure a safe environment and to slow down the spread of Covid-19 in our community.

ECH short courses will finish this week on their normal days. Recommended cleaning and social distancing procedures as advised by the Chief Health Officer will be followed. See

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Dig In Community Café is cancelled for the time being but food provision activities through the House will be reorganised to continue to support community needs.

Emerald Messenger will be printed and available by April 6th and available online as usual. Printed versions are available by subscription. Contact info@EmeraldMessenger.com.au to arrange for postage.

ECH is committed to providing a safe childcare for children and staff as we adapt to the changing needs of our community in times of adversity.

Stay healthy,

Emerald Community House Management Team

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