

## COVID-19

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**Q:**

If a venue doesn't have QR code, does the playgroup need one/recommend that the playgroup has one for attendees to sign in?

**A:**

As of 18/2/22 COVID19 Safe Check in and QR codes are no longer required under the NSW Public Health order however individual groups will need to check venue requirements and provide QR Codes if the venue requires it.

**Q:**

What do attendees do if someone in the group gets COVID? Who do they need to notify if there is no QR code available?

**A:**

COVID-19 Management Policy item 11.1 "Community Playgroup coordinators and committees must be compliant with NSW Government COVID Rules and Restrictions, specifically relating to the following: • Public Health Orders - Compliance with Public Health Orders and other venue guidelines." As of 22/2/22, there is no current requirement for this however check for updates. Most importantly maintain the privacy and confidentiality of the member at all times.

**Q:**

Can a playgroup choose to have only vaccinated adults? The venue does not require knowledge of vaccination status and neither does PGNSW - therefore it is the PGS choice?

**A:**

COVID-19 Management Policy item 11.1 "Vaccination evidence - Adhere to premises guidelines relating to proof of vaccination." As of 22/2/22 there are no current requirements for this however check for updates as changes occur. Most importantly maintain the privacy and confidentiality of the member at all times. A community playgroup chooses to exclude unvaccinated adults they accept full liability of all implications related to this. Eg claims of discrimination, non-inclusion. 5. VACCINATION EVIDENCE 5.1 Most premises in NSW are now open to everyone, regardless of full vaccination or not. 5.2 Playgroup NSW requires Service Providers to advise Playgroup NSW that their Workers are vaccinated. 5.3 For all other individuals attending a venue, Service Providers and Community Playgroups must comply with the requirements specified by the owner of the venue.

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**Q:**  
Can Playgroups enforce mask wearing for all adult participants?

**A:**  
From 25/2/22 masks will only be mandated for certain high-risk settings. Playgroup NSW still highly encourages the use of masks by adult participants in indoor settings where the safe distance from others cannot be maintained however this is at the discretion of the individual. Please refer to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/rules/face-mask-rules> for the latest updates

**Q:**  
Does PGNSW have a recommendation on how long to exclude covid affected families from playgroup? High risk people are encouraged not to visit high risk settings for another 7 days, is playgroup considered high risk? Can we legally extend this?

**A:**  
As per the PHO - 7 days  
<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/self-isolation-covid-and-close>  
Playgroups must abide by the PHO and cannot make up their own rules.

**Q:**  
The Risk Assessment example says 'prepared by' and 'approved by'. who do we need to get the Risk Assessment approved by?

**A:**  
COVID-19 Management Policy item 11.1  
"Community Playgroup coordinators and committees must be compliant with NSW Government COVID Rules and Restrictions, specifically relating to the following: Risk Assessment " ie Committee members must prepare and approve their own risk assessments and keep on-premises to be viewed by authorised persons.

**Q:**  
Can we ask for families to provide negative rat test before they return? Will we supply them?

**A:**  
No. As per the PHO, RATs are required in NSW Public Schools and other essential services, not required under PHO for Playgroups. RATs will not be supplied at our cost as of the 21/2/22.

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**Q:**  
What is and what is not covered related to COVID eg Discrimination?

**A:**  
Nothing related to COVID-19 is covered under our current insurance policy -as with any infectious disease eg the flu. Community playgroups that operate in this environment operate at their own risk. as per the Communication 11/11 sent to PG's"

**Insurance**

Playgroup NSW's insurance cover for playgroups continues. However, these insurances will not cover incidents or illnesses related to COVID-19 (e.g. loss of deposit on an event due to COVID-19, the transmission of COVID-19 to an attendee, or any fines related to breaches of PHOs). Playgroup NSW is continually reviewing Government announcements and requirements related to this question and updating our advice accordingly."

**Q:**  
If someone contracted covid at playgroup is the committee liable?

**A:**  
While it is the Committee's responsibility to ensure the playgroup follows COVID-safe practices (Risk Assessment completed and followed, social distancing, mask-wearing, hygiene) as per the PHO you can't sue individuals/playgroups for catching COVID as of the 22/2/22.

**Q:**  
If the playgroup is meeting as a playgroup in a park and there is no venue, is the playgroup NSW guidance the same?

**A:**  
Yes, except no masks required as at 31/1/22.

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