

Childcare providers no longer required to tell Ofsted about confirmed COVID-19 cases

News story

From 21 February, childcare providers do not have to notify Ofsted of any COVID-19 cases at their setting, whether in staff or children.



The Department for Education has decided that from today (21 February 2021), if you are a childcare provider, you are no longer required to notify Ofsted, or the childminder agency with which you are registered, of any COVID-19 cases in the setting, whether that is of a child or staff member.

You also do not have to submit notifications for any cases that have happened in the last 14 days.

It remains a legal requirement under the [Early years foundation stage \(EYFS\) statutory framework](#) to report cases of serious illness. You should notify Ofsted as soon as practical, and in any case within 14 days of a notifiable event happening.

For information about what is classed as a notifiable event or serious incident and what to tell Ofsted, please refer to our [guidance on reporting a serious childcare incident](#).

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