

URGENT UPDATE FOR ALL ECD CENTRES from DSD:

Release of Standard Operating Procedures and Online Self-Assessment Form to complete by 6 July 2020!

1.) DSD has released the “Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Guidelines for early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility that provides and after-school service on measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of Covid-19”. This document is also called “ECD Protocols”.

2.) After reading this SOP/ECD Protocols and implementing everything that you are able to at your ECD centre (over the next 2-3 days), you need to complete an online Self-Assessment Form by 6 July 2020. You can complete the form on your phone (it is simple & straightforward to do so).

- The self-assessment form is a series of questions and statements based on the minimum health, safety and social distancing measures on COVID-19 that an early childhood development programme and/or partial care facility must comply with before it may re-open and receive children again.

3.) Here is the link to the DSD website where you will find the SOP (called: “ECD Protocols”) and the online form (called “Submission of reopening self-assessment form Annexure A:Form 1) to complete: <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/site-page/state-readiness-re-opening-partial-care-services>

4.) If you are in our target area, please contact Lisa (registration@cecd.org.za) if you are struggling to complete the form online. As a last resort, we can arrange for you to drop off a hardcopy of the completed form.

5.) NB: The completion and submission of this form does not mean that you can re-open the ECD centre/programme. It may only be re-opened when the Minister of Social Development has announced a date for the re-opening and if you meet all the requirements (sections 4.1 and 4.2).