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2021	November	23 November to 4 December 2021	Katherine Town Council (including Tindal)	Northern Territory	Lockdown extended
		22 November to 1 December 2021	Robinson River	Northern Territory	Lockout
		22 November to 24 November 2021	Katherine Town Council (including Tindal)	Northern Territory	Lockdown extended
		16 November to 22 November 2021	Katherine Town Council (including Tindal) and Robinson River	Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown extended</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		15 November to 18 November 2021	Katherine Town Council (including Tindal) and Robinson River	Northern Territory	Lockdown
		9 November 2021	N/A	Australia-wide	The Australian Government announced further support for services until 30 June 2022 because of the continued impact of COVID-19.
		8 November to 9 November 2021	Greater Darwin	Northern Territory	Lockout extended
		7 November to 8 November 2021	Greater Darwin	Northern Territory	Lockout extended
		4 November to 7 November 2021	Greater Darwin	Northern Territory	Lockout
		4 November to 7 November 2021	Katherine Town Council (Including Tindal)	Northern Territory	Lockdown
	October	18 October 2021	Greater Melbourne	Victoria	The Australian Government applied a \$0 session of care on active enrolments for children who had not attended care for at least 10 weeks. This ensured enrolments did not automatically cease after 14 weeks of non-attendance.
		15 October to 18 October 2021	Southern region, including Hobart	Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		11 October to 17 October 2021	All local government areas in New South Wales, including the Jervis Bay Territory	New South Wales	Commonwealth Hotspot extended
		7 October to 21 October 2021	Mildura	Victoria	Lockdown
		6 October to 11 October 2021	Oberon, Snowy Monaro, Menindee, Sunset Strip	New South Wales	Lockdown extended
		5 October to 10 October 2021	Muswellbrook	New South Wales	Lockdown extended
		5 October to 11 October 2021	Gunnedah, Mid North Coast postcodes 2430 and 2428	New South Wales	Lockdown
		3 October to 11 October 2021	Lismore	New South Wales	Lockdown
		1 October to 7 October 2021	Moorabool and Shepparton	Victoria	Lockdown
		1 October to 11 October 2021	Casino	New South Wales	Lockdown
	September	30 September to 11 October 2021	Regional NSW LGAs	New South Wales	Lockdown extended
		30 September to 7 October 2021	Menindee	New South Wales	Lockdown extended
		28 September to 5 October 2021	Latrobe Valley	Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		28 September to 5 October 2021	Port Macquarie and Muswellbrook	New South Wales	Lockdown
		27 September to 4 October 2021	Cowra	New South Wales	Lockdown extended
		27 September to 4 October 2021	Mitchell Shire	Victoria	Lockdown extended
		23 September to 30 September 2021	Hilltops	New South Wales	Lockdown extended
		21 September to 28 September 2021	Kempsey, Byron, Tweed	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		20 September to 27 September 2021	Cowra	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
20 September to 27 September 2021		Geelong, Surf Coast, Mitchell Shire	Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>	
16 September to 23 September 2021	Lismore & Albury	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>		

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		15 September to 22 September 2021	Ballarat	Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		14 September to 28 September 2021	Yass	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		14 September to 15 October 2021	Canberra	Australian Capital Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown extended</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot extended</li> </ul>
		13 September 2021	Greater Sydney	New South Wales	The Australian Government applied a \$0 session of care on active enrolments for children who had not attended care for at least 10 weeks. This ensured enrolments did not automatically cease after 14 weeks of non-attendance.
		9 September to 16 September 2021	All local government areas in New South Wales, including the Jervis Bay Territory	New South Wales	Commonwealth Hotspot extended
		9 September 2021	Regional Victoria (excluding Shepparton)	Victoria	Lockdown lifted
	August	1 September to 17 September 2021	Canberra	Australian Capital Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot extended</li> </ul>
		27 August to 10 September 2021	All NSW LGAs	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown extended</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot extended</li> </ul>
		23 August 2021	Commonwealth declared hotspots - if the hotspot runs for more than 7 days and the state/territory government has limited access to care or if the hotspot is extended beyond 28 days	Australia-wide	The Australian Government announced that business continuity payments will be made to services in Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 Hotspots.
		21 August to 2 September 2021	Regional Victorian LGAs	Victoria	Lockdown
		19 August to 30 September 2021	Greater Sydney	New South Wales	Lockdown extended
		19 August to 20 August 2021	Katherine Town Council (including Tindal)	Nothern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown extended</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot extended</li> </ul>
		16 August to 2 September 2021	Canberra	Australian Capital Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown extended</li> <li>•Commonwealth Declared Hotspot extended</li> </ul>
		16 August to 2 September 2021	Greater Melbourne, City of Greater Geelong, Moorabool and Golden Plains	Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown extended</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot extended</li> </ul>
		17 August to 19 August 2021	Greater Darwin and Katherine	Nothern Territory	Lockdown
		16 August 2021	Commonwealth declared hotspots	Australia-wide	The Australian Government announced gap fees can be waived for families in Commonwealth hotspots (for lockdowns that extend longer than seven-days or if the state/territory government has limited access to care)
		14 August 2021	State wide	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Whole state declared Commonwealth Hotspot</li> </ul>
		12 August to 19 August 2021	Canberra	Australian Capital Territory	Lockdown
		12 August to 19 August 2021	Greater Melbourne, City of Greater Geelong, Moorabool and Golden Plains	Victoria	Lockdown extended
		11 August to 14 August 2021	Western NSW	New South Wales	Lockdown
		11 August to 18 August 2021	Dubbo	New South Wales	Lockdown
		9 August to 16 August 2021	Byron and Northeren Rivers	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>

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		9 August to 16 August 2021	Tamworth	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		9 August to 14 August 2021	Armidale	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		8 August to 11 August 2021	Cairns and Yarrabah	Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		5 August to 12 August 2021	Greater Melbourne, City of Greater Geelong, Moorabool and Golden Plains	Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		5 August to 12 August 2021	Newcastle and the Hunter	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		3 August 2021	Commonwealth declared hotspots	Australia-wide	<p>The Australian Government announced child care services in a Commonwealth-declared COVID-19 hotspot can now access additional allowable absences if the declaration extends for more than seven days.</p> <p>Families will not have to use their 42 allowable absences during the lockdown.</p>
	July	31 July to 8 August 2021	Brisbane, Gold Coast & Sunshine Coast	Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		30 July 2021	Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Shellharbour and Wollongong	New South Wales	Local Area Emergency extended
		21 July to 28 July 2021	Orange, Blayney and Cabonne	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
		20 July to 27 July 2021	Metropolitan Adelaide	South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot Declared</li> </ul>
		18 July to 27 July 2021	Greater Melbourne, Queenscliffe, Surf Coast, Bass Coast & Mildura	Victoria	Commonwealth Hotspot declared
		17 July to 20 July 2021	Greater Melbourne, Queenscliffe, Surf Coast, Bass Coast & Mildura	Victoria	Commonwealth Hotspot declared
		15 July to 20 July 2021	Greater Melbourne, Moorabool, Greater Geelong, Queenscliffe, Surf Coast	Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown</li> <li>• Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> <li>• Local Area Emergency announced</li> </ul>
	June	29 June to 2 July 2021	Brisbane, South East Queensland, Townsville, Magnetic Island, Palm Island	Queensland	Lockdown
		29 June to 3 July 2021	Perth and Peel	Western Australia	Lockdown
		28 June to 2 July 2021	Darwin, Palmerston and Darwin rural areas	Northern Territory	Lockdown extended
		27 June to 29 June 2021	Darwin, Palmerston and Darwin rural areas	Northern Territory	Lockdown
		26 June to 9 July 2021	Greater Sydney, including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Shellharbour and Wollongong, NSW	New South Wales	Lockdown
		23 June to 30 June 2021	Sydney	New South Wales	Commonwealth Hotspot declared
		10 June 2021	All Victorian LGAs	Victoria	Local Area Emergency extended

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	May	27 May to 10 June 2021	Greater Melbourne	Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
	April	23 April to 26 April 2021	Perth and Peel	Western Australia	Lockdown
	March	29 March to 1 April 2021	Greater Brisbane	Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
	February	12 February to 17 February 2021	Greater Melbourne	Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
	January	31 January to 5 February 2021	Perth, Peel and South West Regions	Western Australia	Lockdown
		8 January to 11 January 2021	Greater Brisbane	Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
2020	December	18 December 2020 to 13 January 2021	Northern Beaches LGA	New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lockdown</li> <li>•Commonwealth Hotspot declared</li> </ul>
	November	19 November to 25 November 2020	Metropolitan Adelaide	South Australia	Lockdown
	October	12 October 2020	N/A	Victoria	The Australian Government applied a \$0 session of care on all active enrolments for Victorian children who had not attended care for at least 10 weeks. This ensured enrolments did not automatically cease after 14 weeks of non-attendance.
	September	28 September 2020 to 31 January 2021	N/A	Victoria (and services at risk of imminent closure)	<a href="#">The Australian Government introduced the Recovery Package to support the sector as it recovered from the COVID-19 pandemic. The package included payments for services in Victoria and services at risk of imminent closure.</a>
	August	5 August 2020	N/A	Victoria	The Australian Government announced Victorian children would have 45 extra allowable absences for 2020-21 financial year
	July	7 July to 27 October 2020	Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire	Victoria	Stage 4 restrictions introduced, lockdown commenced
		13 July 2020 - 4 April 2021	N/A	Australia-wide	The Australian Government eased the activity test for families when the Child Care Subsidy returned on 13 July 2020 until 4 April 2021. This meant that families whose employment was affected by COVID-19 had access to extra CCS hours.
		13 July to 27 September 2020	N/A	Australia-wide	<a href="#">The sector returned to Child Care Subsidy with support from a Transition Package. In addition to CCS payments, approved providers received a 25% Transition Payment instead of JobKeeper Payments</a>
		8 July 2020	Melbourne	Victoria	Stage 3 restrictions introduced, lockdown commenced
	June	30 June to 29 July 2020	Melbourne	Victoria	Stage 3 restrictions introduced, lockdown commenced
	April	6 April to 12 July 2020	N/A	Australia-wide	<a href="#">The Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package was introduced to ensure the viability of the sector following declining attendances and enrolments across Australia. Under the package, Child Care Subsidy payments were suspended and a range of support payments were available to services. In return for funding, services were required to remain open, not charge fees to families and give priority to care for children of essential workers, vulnerable/disadvantaged children and children enrolled before the package was introduced.</a>
	March	31 March 2020	N/A	Australia-wide	The Australian Government delayed the first balancing deadline for families to confirm 2018–19 income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
25 March 2020		N/A	Australia-wide	The Australian Government announced services directed to close by a local authority because of COVID-19 can waive gap fees until 31 December 2021.	