

Kindergarten Health Checks

The ACT Government has announced funding for a targeted Kindergarten Health Check program during 2020. This program has been developed as the physical component of the Kindergarten Health Check was cancelled when schools closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This targeted program will identify and support students who may have problems with their hearing and/or vision.

How do I know if my child should have their hearing and/or vision tested with a targeted Kindergarten Health Check?

Your child doesn't need to have a targeted Kindergarten Health Check if:

- you have completed the 4-year old *before school health assessment* and there were no concerns. You can find details about this health assessment in your child's 'blue book,' and may have been completed with your MACH nurse or your GP
- your child has had their vision and hearing checked in the last year and there were no concerns.

I have concerns about my child's hearing and/or vision, what can I do next?

If you are concerned about your child's **hearing** please make a free appointment at the Children's Hearing Service by phoning Central Health Intake on 5124 9977.

If you are concerned about your child's **vision** please book into a Medicare funded vision check through an Optometrist.

Kindergarten families who have concerns about their child's vision or hearing, and who may experience challenges accessing a GP or other health professional, should access the targeted Kindergarten Health Check clinics by calling Central Health Intake on 5124 9977.

We welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kindergarten students into the targeted Kindergarten Health Check clinic.

What does my child's teacher know about the targeted Kindergarten Health Check?

Your teachers have the same information as you about the targeted Kindergarten Health Check. If your child's teacher has noticed something about your child's vision or hearing they may talk with you about it and recommend you attend the Children's Hearing Service or an Optometrist.

When will the Targeted Kindergarten Health Check clinics start and where are they located?

Clinics will commence in Term 3 and run until the end of Term 4 2020. Clinics will be held in the City Health Centre located on the corner of Moore and Alinga Streets, Civic. If more clinic sites become available, you will be informed of this when you phone to make an appointment.

For more information about the targeted Kindergarten Health Check program call 5124 1678 or email KindergartenHealthCheck@act.gov.au

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