

Steps to Re-Opening for Childminders

We want you to feel confident, reassured and ready.
Let's take it step-by-step 1, 2, 3...

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Hygiene
The full list of requirements around hygiene can be found in the latest guidance. In addition, there are lots of resources available from the NHS to encourage hand washing.
The Care Inspectorate developed a poster to help you to keep children and families safe.

1 Familiarise yourself with the latest childminding guidance

Please take the time to prepare for the safe re-opening of your setting and refer to the latest guidance, which clarifies the procedures that should be followed and provides links to other documents you may need.

2 Undertake a COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Use our COVID-19 Risk Assessment Blank Template, available on the 'Resources, Guidance and Documents' section of the Membership Dashboard.

3 Notify the Care Inspectorate

Before re-opening your childminding service, you must complete a 'Changes to Service Delivery due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)' notification online via eForms

What to do in the event of suspected COVID-19
If you, an assistant, or a child in your setting has symptoms of COVID-19, contact the NHS on 0800 028 2816 or [nhsinform.scot](https://nhs.uk), contact your local Health Protection Team and notify the Care Inspectorate.

Look after your own Health and Wellbeing

This has been an extremely challenging and stressful time for many. SCMA members have exclusive access to counselling and wellbeing support from Health Assured. Find out more from the Membership Dashboard.

Supporting family health and wellbeing

For parents/carers there may be anxiety at separating from their children and having to now drop them off at the door.
For children, your environment and resources may look a little different and some toys may have been removed. How will you settle them and build their confidence?
It is important to support the whole family through this transition.

Self-Evaluation

Keep a COVID-19 folder with your risk assessment and all supporting documentation to help self-evaluate your setting

Visit childminding.org/covid-19 for updates, FAQs and useful links.