

COVID-19 EXCLUSION GUIDANCE

Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in Child Care Programs

Send home or deny entry if **ANY** of the following symptoms are present:

Fever (100.4°F or higher) **OR** loss of taste and/or smell **OR** two or more of the following symptoms: fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and poor appetite. This is in addition to [general infectious disease exclusion guidance](#). People who are ill should contact their health care provider for additional guidance.

Has the person been clinically evaluated?

Tested Positive for COVID-19 ^{*c}

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of **External Guidance** with no fever **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer**.

Has the person been clinically evaluated?

Clinically diagnosed (not tested) for COVID-19 ^{*c}

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset of symptoms **and** for 24 hours with no fever **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer**

-If you receive a negative COVID-19 test you may return to childcare 24 hours after symptoms improve.

Has the person been clinically evaluated?

Alternate clinical diagnosis or laboratory confirmed condition (e.g., norovirus, hand/foot/mouth) ^{*d}

Follow provider directions/ recommended treatment/ return guidance & the [Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance](#).

For a person NOT clinically evaluated who is monitoring symptoms at home

Fever (100.4°F or higher) OR loss of taste and/or smell OR two or more of the following symptoms: fatigue, muscle aches, cough, sore throat, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain. ^c

Stay home at least 10 calendar days from onset **and** for 24 hours with no fever **and** improvement of symptoms – **whichever is longer**.

^c (Red Box) = COVID-19

^d (Yellow box) = Other symptoms

For a person NOT clinically evaluated who is monitoring symptoms at home

Other symptoms not consistent with COVID-19^{*d}

Follow the [Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance](#).

**Siblings & household contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case will need to monitor themselves and quarantine during the case's infectious period (this is typically 10 days) AND for their designated quarantine periods. Quarantine will end 14, 10, or 7 days after the case's infectious period ends.*

-It is recommended that you quarantine for 14 days from your last exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

- *You may be released from quarantine AFTER DAY 10 if you remain symptom free.*
- *You may be released from quarantine AFTER DAY 7 if you remain symptom free and test negative for COVID 19. (Please note, the PCR or antigen test must occur on day 5 or later.)*

-Vaccinated individuals can be exempted from quarantine if they meet ALL the following criteria:

- *Are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine).*
- *Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure*

-Those who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and remain symptom-free, do not need to quarantine or get tested for COVID-19 following their exposure.