

Childcare Scenarios with Action Steps for COVID-19.

Definitions for terms used below:

Confirmed Case - An individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 with a confirmatory test (ex. PCR).

Probable Case – An individual who meets the clinical criteria and is epidemiologically linked to a case; or an individual who tests positive with a presumptive laboratory test (ex. antigen test)

Symptomatic Pending Results - An individual that is symptomatic of COVID-19, but waiting on test results.

Close Contact - Based on current knowledge, an individual is considered a close contact of someone with COVID-19 if they:

- a. have been within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset (or starting from 48 hours before the first positive test result if asymptomatic) until the time the infected person meets criteria to end medical isolation, or
- b. have had direct contact with infectious secretions from someone with COVID-19 (e.g., have been coughed on) and were not wearing recommended PPE at the time of contact. Close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a common space with someone with COVID-19. Determination of close contact does not change if the infected individual is wearing a mask or cloth face covering.

Quarantine Update: People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again. People who develop symptoms again within 3 months of their first bout of COVID-19 may need to be tested again if there is no other cause identified for their symptoms.

Child is confirmed or symptomatic pending results or a close contact.

1. **A child within childcare facility is a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.**
 - a. The child and all siblings of the child are immediately excluded.
 - i. The confirmed positive child must be excluded until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication, with improving symptoms, and are at least 10 days past symptom onset or as directed by the local health authority. Note that these recommendations do not apply to persons with severe COVID-19 or with severely weakened immune systems (immunocompromised).
 - ii. Confirmed cases who do not develop symptoms can return after 10 days have passed since the first positive PCR test for COVID-19.
 - iii. Siblings who are close contacts are excluded at least 14 days after their last date of close contact to a known case.
2. **A child with no known exposures to COVID-19 within the childcare facility is symptomatic and pending lab result for COVID-19.**
 - a. The child is excluded until results of the test are negative. If positive, see scenario 1, if negative the child may return to care.
 - b. Siblings, classmates, and teachers of pending case should be monitored for symptoms while waiting for test results.
3. **A child within the childcare facility is a close contact to a known COVID-19 case.**
 - a. The child is excluded for 14 days after their last date of close contact to a known case.
 - b. Siblings, classmates, and teachers of child should be monitored for symptoms.

Parent of a child in care is confirmed or symptomatic pending results or a close contact.

1. **Parent of a child within the childcare facility has been identified as a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.**
 - a. Children who are close contacts of the parent are excluded for 14 days after the last date of close contact with a known case.

2. **Parent of a child within the childcare facility is symptomatic, pending results, and has had close contact with a known case.**
 - a. Children who are close contacts of the parent are excluded until test results are in. If parent is positive, see scenario 1. If parent is negative children can return to care.
3. **Asymptomatic parent of a child within the childcare facility has had close contact to a known case of COVID-19.**
 - a. Children can remain in care, but should be monitored. If COVID -19 symptoms develop in the parent, children should be excluded, and treated as if parent was symptomatic and pending results as described above.

Provider/Staff Member is confirmed or symptomatic pending results or a close contact.

1. **Provider/staff member within childcare facility has been identified as a confirmed to have COVID-19.**
 - a. Provider/staff member must be excluded until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication, with improving symptoms, and are at least 10 days past symptom onset or as directed by the local health authority.
 - b. Children that are defined as close contacts with the provider/staff member are excluded for 14 days after the last know close contact to a known case.
2. **Provider/staff member with no known exposures to COVID-19 within the childcare facility is symptomatic pending lab results.**
 - a. Provider/staff is excluded until test results are in, if positive see scenario 1, if negative provider/staff member may return following the resolution of symptoms.
 - b. Children and other staff that were a close contact with provider/staff member should be monitored for symptoms until results are available.
3. **Provider/staff member is a close contact to a known case of COVID-19.**
 - a. Provider/staff member is excluded if symptomatic, however if the provider/staff member remains asymptomatic, they can work following CDC's critical infrastructure guidance.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>
 - b. Children and Providers working with the impacted provider/staff member should be monitored for symptoms as well.

Based on current guidance on 8/12/20.

Resources:

CDC: [K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs FAQs for Administrators, Teachers, and Parents](#)

CDC: [Interim Guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs](#)

CDC: [Guidance for Child Care Programs that Remain Open](#)

CDC: [Discontinuation of Isolation for Persons with COVID-19 Not in Healthcare Settings](#)

CDC: [When to Quarantine](#)