

COVID-19 exclusion flow-chart for child care

Is the child/staff sick?



If yes, stop.



..or are they well?



If yes, ask:



Symptoms of COVID-19

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

While symptoms in children are similar to adults, children may have milder symptoms. Reported symptoms in children include cold-like symptoms such as fever, runny nose and cough. Sore throat, headache, vomiting and diarrhea are also reported, but less commonly.

Exclude until the person can answer yes to all these questions:

- ✓ Has it been at least 7 days since they first had symptoms?
- ✓ Have they been without fever for three days (72 hours) without any medicine for fever?
- ✓ Are the other respiratory symptoms, like cough and shortness of breath, improved?



Are close contacts or household members of the child/staff sick?



If yes, stop.



Exclude child/staff for 14 days. Advise them to stay home and monitor themselves for symptoms.

...or well?



If yes,



ok to enter.

You may be asked about “second-degree contacts” - which is when close contacts or household members of the child/staff have been exposed to someone who is sick, but the child/staff was not directly exposed. For example:

- a sibling was exposed to a friend next door or
- a parent was exposed to a co-worker with symptoms.

In these types of situations, the close contact/ household member should stay home for 14 days, but exclusion is not required for the child/staff unless the close contact/ household member begins to have symptoms.

