



How to handle symptoms and household exposures for childcare

DISCLAIMER: This information was developed based on the latest information, but is subject to change at any time.

Child has symptom (new/different/worse from baseline of any chronic illness):

- Temperature of 100.4 or signs of fever (chills/sweating)
- Sore throat or cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea
- Fatigue
- Muscle, body aches, or headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Rash
- New loss of taste or smell

Exclude child from daycare

Screen for close contact or potential exposure risk within last 14 days.

- Child had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19
- Child had close contact with person under quarantine for possible exposure to COVID-19

yes

Refer to healthcare provider or COVID-19 testing location for possible testing.

Child diagnosed with COVID-19 OR no diagnosis is available.

Child has **negative** test results.

Child had close contact with confirmed COVID-19 within last 14 days.

yes

no

Finish Quarantine

no

Child may return based on the guidance for their symptoms:

- Fever: at least 24 hours have passed with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
- Sore throat or cough: improvement (if strep throat: do not return until at least 2 doses of antibiotic have been taken)
- Shortness of breath: improvement
- Diarrhea, vomiting, nausea: no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours
- Muscle, body aches, or headache: improvement
- Congestion or runny nose: improvement
- Rash: improvement
- New loss of taste or smell: improvement

Home Isolation until:

- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared **AND**
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication **AND**
- Symptoms have improved