

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** 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 **OR** loss of taste and/or smell. 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 symptoms **and** for 24 hours 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**.

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

Follow 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 two or more of the following symptoms: fatigue, muscle aches, cough, sore throat, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain OR loss of taste/smell. ^c

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

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 members also stay home for 14 days from last exposure to a COVID-19 case while contagious

^c (Red Box) = COVID-19

^d (Yellow box) = Other symptoms