COVID-19 Symptom Decision Tree*

(See page 2 for vaccine status based on recent acquired immunity status**)

At childcare site, child or staff member develops any one of the following signs or symptoms:
- Fever with or without chills/rigors (fever defined as T > 100.0 that does not resolve within 30 min. without medication)
- Cough*
- Shortness of breath
- Nasal congestion/rhinorrhea (runny nose)*
- Sore throat
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea*
- Fatigue*
- New loss of taste/smell
- Headache*
- Muscle or body aches*
- Poor feeding or poor appetite*

* Disregard this symptom if childcare staff/personnel already aware of a chronic, pre-existing condition that causes the symptom. The nature of the presenting symptom (e.g., duration, intensity) must be consistent with the underlying chronic condition.

ACTION: Apply appropriate PPE; isolate child/staff member until sent home; recommend they contact health care provider for instructions/testing.

Note: Other infections can cause similar symptoms (e.g., flu, strep) but these do not rule out COVID-19 as co-occurring.

CHILD / STAFF TO STAY HOME UNTIL...

With PCR OR Antigen COVID-19 viral test
(For diagnostic testing, PCR is strongly preferred)

Without PCR Covid-19 viral test OR with only a negative Antigen test

Note from healthcare provider re: chronic illness

Positive (Antigen or PCR)

- Identify all close contacts (as defined by CDC). Identify all cohort/groups/class members. Quarantine and exclude close contacts (and work with public health & local Child Care Licensing Regional Office on decision to exclude entire cohort) for *14 days after last date case present.

- Notification to childcare community of a known case.

Retested or Not Retested
(Proof of negative test not required)

Isolate the case. May return when:
(a) 24 hours without fever (no meds) and (b) symptoms are improving AND (c) at least 10 days from symptom onset or test date.

Negative PCR

Confirmatory PCR

Positive

Negative Antigen

Confirmatory PCR

Positive

Negative

Proof of negative test required.

May return to school after 24 hours have passed without fever and symptoms have started improving.

Consider notification to childcare community.

If childcare provider becomes aware of one case in one cohort/class/group, then have childcare administrator fill out the COVID-19 Online Notification Form & call the local Child Care Licensing Regional Office at (619) 767-2200 to report the case for further directions on quarantine. For questions on reporting, outbreaks, or general questions, please call the COVID-Epi Schools line at (619) 692-8636, leave a message and your call will be returned.

If note from MD/DO/NP/PA, or public health defines case as presumed COVID-19 virus (based on symptoms and circumstances), then: (a) consider notifying staff and parents of cohort of a potential exposure; and (b) in conjunction with public health & local Child Care Licensing Regional Office, exclude “close contacts” (using CDC definition) for *14 days from last day of exposure. *A 10-day quarantine may be considered for staff NOT in direct contact with children and if a mask can be worn and 6 ft distance maintained when a person returns on days 11-14.

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Vaccination Status

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Spend time with other fully vaccinated people, including indoors, without wearing masks or physical distancing (outside a workplace setting).
- Spend time with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- Refrain from wearing face coverings outdoors except when attending crowded outdoor events, such as live performances, parades, fairs, festivals, sports events, or other similar settings.
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.
  - Following a known exposure at work, fully vaccinated workers do not need to quarantine if asymptomatic.
  - In the workplace, employers subject to the Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS) must ensure that employees are following the current ETS face covering and testing requirements.

**People are considered fully vaccinated: 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series (E.G. Pfizer or Moderna) OR 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine (E.G. Johnson & Johnson).**

For more information: COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People (ca.gov)