

QUICK GUIDE: ISOLATION | COVID-19 |

What to do when a child in your early care and education (ECE) program might have COVID-19

DAY 0

Child is sick or has a positive COVID-19 test

Isolation

DAY
1-5

Child stays home and **isolates** away from other people to the extent possible.

DAY
6

Is the child **fever-free** for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication?

AND

is the child **free of symptoms** or **symptoms improved**?

AND

is the child 2 years of age or older and **able to consistently wear a mask** in the ECE program?



YES



Return to the ECE program

Whenever possible, keep children who are returning from isolation or quarantine before day 11 away from people who are at high risk, and 6 feet apart when masks are not worn.



NO



DAY
6-10

It is **safest** to continue isolation until the end of day 10¹.

For children who have symptoms, continue isolation until the child is **fever-free** for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.

For children who were severely ill, or whose fever persists past day 10, consult a healthcare professional before returning to the ECE program.



YES



(After day 10)

¹For program administrators:

When you determine isolation policies, you should consider multiple factors: The impact of the loss of access to education and care on the well-being of children and families, the level of community transmission of COVID-19, presence of other people who are at high risk for severe illness, and the ability to use additional prevention strategies.

