

This flowsheet provides an overview for childcare providers of what to do if someone in their childcare center is exposed to COVID-19 or becomes symptomatic. Report all COVID-19 cases to the Southeast Region of OCDEL's Certification Office at **1-800-346-2929**.

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Someone is **EXPOSED\*** to a confirmed case of COVID-19:

**QUARANTINE**  
for 14 days.  
Stay home & away from others

**If remains asymptomatic**

Can return to childcare center 14 days after last day of exposure (if exposure was in household, must quarantine for 14 days from when COVID-19 positive individual ends their isolation).

**If develops symptoms of COVID-like illness\*\***

**If test results are NEGATIVE**

Can return to childcare center once 14 day quarantine period is over & meets other return to childcare center criteria for after an illness.

**If test results are POSITIVE**

Can return to childcare center at least 10 days after onset of symptoms AND 1 day without fever, off fever reducing medicines AND symptoms improving. Call PDPH at **215-685-5488**.

Close contacts of the COVID-19 positive individual follow the exposed flow chart. In a childcare settings, all children & staff in the same cohort (classroom) as a COVID-19 positive individual are considered exposed and must quarantine. Decisions about possible whole childcare center closures should be made in partnership with PDPH.

Someone has **SYMPTOMS** of COVID-like illness\*\*:



**Symptomatic individual should leave the center immediately & stay home and away from others.**



**Get COVID tested and/or assessed by a healthcare provider.**

Must remain in isolation until results are available. Quarantines of close contacts NOT suggested while awaiting test results.

**If neither tested nor seen by a healthcare provider**

Can return to childcare center at least 10 days after onset of symptoms AND 1 day without fever off fever-reducing medicines AND symptoms improving.

**If healthcare provider documents alternative diagnosis**

Can return to center based on healthcare provider's documentation.

**If test results are NEGATIVE**

Can return to childcare center when symptoms resolve and meets normal return to childcare center criteria after an illness (if not exposed) OR upon completing 14 days of quarantine (if exposed).

### Definitions

\*Exposure: spending at least 15 minutes, less than 6 feet apart from someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 starting from 48 hours prior to that person developing symptoms. In a childcare center, all children & staff in the same cohort (classroom) as the COVID-19 positive individual are considered exposed.

\*\*A COVID-like illness has at least ONE major symptom (new or persistent cough, shortness of breath, new loss of sense of smell/taste) OR at least TWO minor symptoms (fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion/ runny nose).