

COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN IN PRESCHOOL

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Handwashing can prevent 1 in 3 diarrhea-related sicknesses and 1 in 5 respiratory infections, such as a cold or the flu.

(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC)

CASE	DAY 0	DAY 1-5	DAY 5	DAY 6-10
Child has illness symptoms.	Send home or stay home for new onset of illness symptoms.	Child remains home for at least 24 hours (the entire following day).*		
Household EXPOSURE to COVID-19*	Children who are vaccinated, unvaccinated, or partially vaccinated.	If there is a positive case in the child's household, child stays home for Days 0-5.	COVID-19 testing recommended for ages 2 years or older.**	Child can return when: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No illness symptoms• Test negative
Child is POSITIVE for COVID-19** <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If child feels sick at any time, Day 0 is first sick day.• If never sick, Day 0 is the day child was swabbed.	Children who are vaccinated, unvaccinated, or partially vaccinated.	Child stays home.	Child stays home for the full 10 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guidance requires mask-wearing for Days 6-10 in group care, except during naps and mealtimes, which we cannot enforce.	Testing is not required. Child without illness symptoms for 24-hours may return on Day 11+

*Please see the [Family Handbook](#) for the Exclusion and Returning to Care Policies.

*Exposure for a single person is when they have spent at least 15 minutes in a 24-hour period indoors within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19.

**If exposed, children under 2 years or not tested are isolated for a full 10 days.

***If child tests POSITIVE without symptoms, then feels sick later, Day 0 is now the day they started feeling sick. Restart at Day 0.

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