

Returning to Child Care

Child care programs are **required** to:

→ Adhere to the following guidelines for allowing a child or staff member to return to child care.

Situation(s) determined by Daily Health Screening:	Criteria to return to child care:
<p>Person has symptoms of COVID-19 and has not been tested</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Person has symptoms of COVID-19 and has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19</p>	<p>Person can return to the child care facility when they can answer yes to ALL three questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Has it been at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared? → Has it been at least 3 days since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)? → Has it been at least 3 days since the person’s symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath? <p>Once the criteria above are met, it is not necessary to require a negative COVID-19 test in order to return to child care.</p>
<p>Person has not had symptoms of COVID-19 but has been diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a positive test</p>	<p>Person can return to the child care facility once</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 10 days passed since the date of their first positive test <p>However, if the person develops symptoms of COVID-19 after their positive test, they must be able to answer yes to ALL three questions listed above before returning to child care.</p>
<p>Person has been excluded because of COVID-19 symptoms but then tests negative for COVID-19</p>	<p>Person can return to the child care facility once they can answer yes to both questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Has it been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines? → Has the person felt well for at least past 24 hours?
<p>Person has been determined to be in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID19</p>	<p>Person can return to the child care facility after completing at least 14 days of quarantine at home. The purpose of quarantine is to determine if a person who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will get infected. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative. However, if the person tests positive or develops COVID-19 symptoms, return to child care must follow criteria above.</p>