

COVID-19 QUICK TIPS | **CHILDCARE**

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Take steps to protect staff and students.

- Encourage all staff and students older than two who do not have a medical condition prohibiting the use of a mask to **wear a mask at all times.**
- Promote social distancing** in classrooms, during nap times, in break areas, playground, etc.
- Avoid intermingling classrooms.** Group children with their class for lunch, recess and other activities.
- Clean and disinfect regularly** with EPA approved disinfectants.
- Encourage students and staff to **wash hands often.**
- Limit visitor access to your building.**
- Screen all individuals for symptoms.**

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Watch for symptoms of illness.

Individuals who have COVID-19 may present with the following:

- Fever or chills
- Sore throat
- Headache
- New cough
- Nausea/vomiting
- New nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue

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Take action if someone is ill or illness is suspected.

1. **Separate the COVID-19 positive individual from others until they can go home** (use an empty classroom, office, nurses station, etc.). Mask child, if appropriate. Staff sitting with the child should be masked and socially distanced. **Have COVID-19 positive individual stay home until isolation is complete.**
2. **Identify close contacts.**
3. **Notify and require quarantine for close contacts.**
4. **Report positive cases and close contacts to your local health department.**

Required **isolation** period for COVID-19 positive individuals

Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others.

Positive individuals with symptoms should isolate for at least 10 days and 24 hours fever-free, without the aid of fever reducing medications, and all other symptoms have improved.

Positive individuals without symptoms should isolate for 10 days from first positive test date.

Who is considered a **close contact?**

Regardless of mask use, close contacts include anyone who spent 15 minutes or more at a distance of 6 feet or less with the positive person during their infectious period.

How long is **quarantine** period for close contacts?

Individuals who start to have symptoms during their quarantine should immediately isolate and get tested.

Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. CDC recommends close contacts quarantine for 14 days.

All close contacts must remain masked at all times and practice social distancing until after Day 14.

The following options exist to end quarantine after day 7 or 10 if certain criteria are met:



- CDC Recommended 14 Day Quarantine
- Quarantine Start date
- Test On or After Day 5 of Quarantine
- Last Day of 14 Day Quarantine CDC Recommended
- Last Day of Quarantine IF No symptoms and Negative Test On or After Day 5 7 Day Quarantine
- Last Day of Quarantine IF No symptoms and no test was taken 10 Day Quarantine

Close contacts who have had a COVID-19 infection within the last three months or who have been fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine. Fully vaccinated individuals should get a COVID-19 test 3-5 days after their last contact with a COVID-19 positive person.

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Report COVID-19 illness to the Health Department.

Report all positive cases and suspected cases to the Health Department.



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