

# COVID-19 ISOLATION: ECE<sup>1</sup> & SCHOOL SETTINGS

**DAY 0**

Child is sick or has a positive COVID-19 test.

## ISOLATION

**If screening identifies child with 1 or more symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19:** Child should be sent home and parent/guardian instructed to consult medical provider for further evaluation and possible COVID-19 testing.

**If sick child is not tested and there is not another diagnosis from a healthcare provider:** Child should stay home for 10 days and return on day 11 or later provided that they have been fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.

**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?  
Is the child free of symptoms or symptoms have improved?  
Has the child tested negative for COVID-19?\*



**YES**



**NO**

**DAY 6-10**

**Continue isolation until above criteria are met<sup>2</sup>**  
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.



**YES**



## RETURN TO ECE PROGRAM/SCHOOL

- \*Children 2 years of age and older are recommended to test at day 5.
- \*Testing may be considered for children under 2 years of age but it not necessary before discontinuation of isolation.
- Children ages 2 years and older returning from isolation are recommended to mask indoors until day 10.

<sup>1</sup>Early Childhood Education.

<sup>2</sup>For children who were severely ill, or whose fever persists past day 10, consult a healthcare professional before returning to ECE program/school.

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# COVID-19 CLOSE CONTACT: ECE<sup>1</sup> & SCHOOL SETTINGS

**DAY 0**

Child has been in close contact<sup>2</sup> with someone who has COVID-19.

Is the child without symptoms?

**NO**

If any child feels sick, has a fever, or has a positive test at any time, follow the guidance for children who feel sick or test positive.

**YES**



## RETURN TO SCHOOL OR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM

Providers may consider permitting **asymptomatic** exposed children to attend child care, **regardless of their COVID-19 vaccination status**, with a strong recommendation for use of a well-fitting mask by children 2 years of age and older during the 10 day period after exposure.

- Exposed children should be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms and tested if symptoms develop.
- **Exposed persons 2 years of age or older should test on day 5 or later after exposure.** In addition, they may consider testing upon notification of exposure, as noted in the CDPH Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public.

## CONTINUOUS EXPOSURE

**Continuous exposure occurs when the separation of the person with COVID-19 from others that they live with is not possible.**

Children with continuous exposure may continue to attend child care/school so long as they:

- Are fever free
- Are asymptomatic
- Test negative for COVID-19 (if tested)

Children with continuous exposure should be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms and tested if symptoms develop.

**If any child feels sick, has a fever, or has a positive test at any time, follow the guidance for children who feel sick or test positive.**

<sup>1</sup>Early Childhood Education. <sup>2</sup>Close contact refers to sharing the same indoor airspace **or** being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period while they were infectious.

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