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To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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## COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Facilities

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In accordance with the COVID-19 [Guidance](#) issued by the Florida Department of Health on February 24, 2022, the following guidance is provided for facilities providing child care services in Florida.

### COVID-19 Isolation Guidance

- 1) If a staff member or a child at your child care facility **tests positive** for COVID-19 and is **symptomatic**:
  - The staff member or child should stay at home and away from others for five (5) days from the date the symptoms began (if the staff member or child is experiencing symptoms).
  - The staff member or child can return to the child care facility on day 6 if they have been fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms, if any, are improving.
- 2) If a staff member or a child at your child care facility **tests positive** for COVID-19 and is **asymptomatic**:
  - The staff member or child should stay at home and away from others for five (5) days from the date of the COVID-19 positive test.
  - The asymptomatic staff member or child can return to the child care facility on day 6.
- 3) If a staff member or a child at your child care facility **is exposed** to someone with COVID-19:
  - If symptoms of COVID-19 develop, stay home.
  - If asymptomatic, the staff member or child does not need to quarantine, however, continue to monitor for symptoms for 10 days after exposure.
  - Exposure = within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes within 24 hours.
    - Follow the guidance in section 1 if the staff member or child tests positive for or has symptoms of the virus that causes COVID-19.
- 4) Unlike [CDC guidance](#), this guidance **does not** rely on wearing facial coverings in a community setting, including child care facilities.
  - There is not [strong evidence](#) that facial coverings reduce the transmission of respiratory viruses.
  - Whether or not a child wears a mask in a child care facility should be up to the child's parent or legal guardian.