

COVID-19 Guidance

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/20220224-general-guidance-child-care-facilities.pdf>

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 childcare services in Florida.

COVID-19 Isolation Guidance

- 1) If a staff member or a child at your childcare 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 childcare 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 childcare 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 childcare facility on day 6 if they have been fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms, if any, are improving.

 - 3) If a staff member or a child at your childcare 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.
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ECS Exposure Protocol effective 2.28.22 based on Florida Department of Health guidance:

Child test positive for COVID-19

1. Positive child should stay at home and away from others for five (5) days from the date of symptom onset or for asymptomatic individuals, five (5) days from the date of the COVID-19 test.
2. Health Services will reach out and provide support to family of positive child.
3. Potentially exposed staff will be informed of exposure. **If asymptomatic**, the staff member does not need to quarantine, however, continue to monitor for symptoms for 10 days after exposure. **If symptomatic**, staff should stay at home and away from others for five (5) days from the date the symptoms began.
4. Families of children will be notified of the exposure. If staffing can be provided to keep the class open, parents can choose to bring their child to school (no quarantine) provided they remain symptom free.

5. If staffing is compromised, the classroom will close for up to 5 days (may be extended based on situation).
6. Positive child can return when at least 5 days have passed since the onset of symptoms or for asymptomatic individuals, 5 days from date of test, provided symptoms are resolving and fever free for 24 hours.
7. Staff will continue to complete daily health check. Children with COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to stay.

Children experiencing symptoms and testing for C-19

1. Children who are sick must stay home.
2. Children with suspected COVID-19 symptoms who are testing for COVID-19 will be excluded. Children may return to school when:
 - a. 5 days have passed since they became symptomatic, -providing symptoms are resolving and they have been fever free for 24 hours **OR**
 - b. provide a physician note to return **OR**
 - c. **provide a negative C-19 test result**
3. Health will follow up with families of children who are out due to possible COVID symptoms.

Staff test positive:

1. Positive staff will isolate for 5 days from symptom onset or test date for asymptomatic individuals.
2. HR will reach out and provide support to staff.
3. Potentially exposed staff will be informed of exposure. ***If asymptomatic***, the staff member does not need to quarantine, however, continue to monitor for symptoms for 10 days after exposure. ***If symptomatic***, staff should stay at home and away from others for five (5) days from the date the symptoms began.
4. Families of children will be notified of the exposure. If staffing can be provided to keep the classroom open, parent can choose to bring their child to school (no quarantine), provided they remain symptom free.
5. If staffing is compromised, the classroom will close for up to 5 days due to staffing concerns (may be extended based on situation).
6. Positive staff can return when at least 5 days have passed since the onset of symptoms or for asymptomatic individuals, 5 days from date of test, provided symptoms are resolving and fever free for 24 hours.

Staff experiencing symptoms and testing for COVID-19

1. Staff who are sick must stay home.

2. Staff with suspected COVID-19 symptoms who are testing for COVID-19 will be excluded. Staff may return to work when:

- a. 5 days have passed since they became symptomatic provided symptoms are improving and they have been fever free for 24 hours **OR**
- b. provide a physician note to return, **OR**
- c. provide a negative C-19 test result

3. HR will follow up with staff who are out due to possible COVID symptoms.

Student / Staff Close Contacts:

Senate Bill SB 2021 2-B: COVID-19 Mandates:

Exposure and Direct Contact: A direct contact is anyone who had face-to-face contact with or was within six feet, for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more, of an infected person within a 24-hour period.

- Student or employee who had exposure to COVID-19 may continue to go to school so long as the student or employee remains asymptomatic and has not received a positive test for COVID-19.

A close contact will monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19. If any symptoms develop, the parent or staff should contact their health care provider immediately for further evaluation and testing. If contact exhibits symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19, he or she should stay home from school.

Facility Outbreak:

The health department defines an outbreak as 3 or more cases in a facility. An outbreak will warrant additional communication and guidance from the local Health department on how to move forward.

ECS Director of Health Services will be the contact person for the local health department.

Return for Travel Out of Country

Staff or children traveling outside of the country will monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19 upon return.

If asymptomatic, the staff member or child does not need to quarantine, however, continue to monitor for symptoms for 10 days after returning from travel. ***If symptomatic***, staff or child should stay at home and away from others for five (5) days from the date the symptoms began.