



Office of the State Superintendent of Education

COVID-19 EXCLUSION AND DISMISSAL CRITERIA AND PROTOCOLS FOR CHILD CARE FACILITIES

EXCLUSION CRITERIA

1. Regardless of vaccination status or coronavirus (COVID-19) diagnosis history, any individual must stay home, or not be admitted, if they:
 - Are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19

Does the individual have a pre-existing health condition the presents with specific COVID-19 - like symptoms?

If a healthcare provider has provided written or verbal documentation that those specific symptoms are not due to COVID-19, then the individual must not be excluded on the basis of those specific symptoms.

- Are confirmed to have COVID-19
 - Are awaiting COVID-19 test results after symptoms of COVID-19
2. An individual who is unvaccinated or not up to date on COVID-19 vaccination should stay home, or not be admitted, if they:¹
 - Are age 2 or older and have been in close contact in the last five days with an individual confirmed to have COVID-19 (unless they are eligible for and participating in a Test to Stay program)
 - Are younger than age 2 and have been in close contact in the last 10 days with an individual confirmed to have COVID-19

Note: If excluded, individuals (or their parent/guardian) should call their healthcare provider for further directions.

DISMISSAL CRITERIA

Regardless of vaccination status or COVID-19 diagnosis history, follow these steps for any individual who develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at child care.

DISMISSAL PROTOCOL

For Children

1. Immediately isolate from other children.
 - The child should immediately put on a mask or respirator, if not wearing already (age 2 and older).
 - Identify a staff member to accompany the isolated child to the designated area and supervise while awaiting pickup.
 - The staff member(s) briefly responding to the sick child, accompanying them to the designated area, and supervising the designated area should comply with PPE best practices.
2. Notify the child's parent/guardian of the symptoms and that the child should be picked up as soon as possible.
 - Recommend the parent/guardian to seek healthcare provider guidance.
3. Follow cleaning and disinfecting procedures for any area and materials with which the child was in contact.

For Staff and Visitors

1. Send the staff member or visitor home immediately, or isolate until it is safe to go home.
2. Recommend the staff member or visitor to seek healthcare provider guidance.
3. Follow cleaning and disinfecting procedures for any area, toys, and equipment with which the staff member or visitor was in contact.

SEE ALSO OSSE'S RETURN TO CHILD CARE CRITERIA RESOURCE AVAILABLE ON THE [OSSE WEBSITE](#).

Footnotes

¹ Provided that they do not currently have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, an individual who is up to date on COVID-19 vaccination or who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days may be admitted after close contact with someone with confirmed COVID-19. Any individual with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 must follow the exclusion criteria outlined in this resource.