2021-2022 TEST RESULT DECISION TREE – CHILDCARE
Isolation and Quarantine Recommendations While Awaiting and After Receiving COVID-19 Test Results

SYMPTOMATIC
COVID-19 symptoms: YES
Close contact: NO

Isolate immediately while awaiting test results

COVID test immediately

Negative
Positive

Return to school/work at least 24 hours after fever resolves & other symptoms improve

CLOSE-CONTACT
COVID-19 symptoms: YES or NO
Close contact: YES

Quarantine immediately while awaiting test results

Is the exposed person fully vaccinated?

NO

Is the exposed person symptomatic?

NO

Quarantine for at least 10 days & test ASAP & on/after Day 5 after last exposure. Continue monitoring for symptoms for a full 14 days.

Positive

Isolate and COVID test immediately

Negative

Quarantine for at least 10 days after last exposure and at least 24 hours after fever resolves & other symptoms improve. Test again on Day 5 after exposure.  

Isolate for at least 10 days after last exposure and at least 24 hours after fever resolves & other symptoms improve.

SCREENING
COVID-19 symptoms: NO
Close contact: NO

Continue at school/work while awaiting test results

COVID test

Negative
Positive

Continue at school/work

Positive

Isolate for at least 10 days and at least 24 hours after fever resolves & other symptoms improve.

1. If person is not a close contact but has COVID-like symptoms that are common to a variety of illnesses, the person should get tested and provide a negative test result to the program. A doctor’s note can only be used in place of a negative test under very specific circumstances. See Education page FAQs for details.

2. A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes at any time beginning 2 days before the infected person had symptoms or tested positive. Close contacts include people who had at least 15 minutes of contact all at once or repeated contact with the infected person that adds up to 15 minutes or more over in a 24-hour period.

3. Anytime a test is positive (regardless of vaccination status), isolate at home for at least 10 days after the first symptoms started (or date positive test collected) and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve.