COVID-19 CHILDCARE & SCHOOL EXCLUSION GUIDANCE
Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in K-12 Schools/Childcare Settings

If an individual has a fever, cough or other symptoms, they might have COVID-19. This is in addition to general Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance. Guardians should contact their child’s health care provider if ill.

- Tested for COVID-19 (laboratory or home test)
- Stay home awaiting test results
- Test results are negative
- Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance
- Test results are positive
- Isolate until 5 days have passed. Isolation can end if the person is asymptomatic, or if symptoms are improving and the individual has been fever free without medication for 24 hours at day 5. This isolation period should be followed by 5 days of wearing a well-fitting mask around others. If the exposed person is under the age of 2, then masking is not required.
- Not tested for COVID-19
- Symptoms consistent with COVID-19 present
- Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance
- Symptoms not consistent with COVID-19 OR Diagnosed with an illness other than COVID-19 (e.g., norovirus, strep throat)
- Follow the Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance

If the individual is identified as a CLOSE CONTACT to someone with COVID-19:
- Quarantine and Isolation Flow Charts
- A quarantine calculator can be found at health.nd.gov/covid calculator
- School close contacts with parental/informed consent to participate in K-12 School COVID-19 Screening Testing Program will need to follow the program recommendations.

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