

COVID-19 CASE REPORTING AND OUTBREAK RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS & HOMES

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CASE REPORTING & RESPONSE

All licensed child care centers and homes are required to notify DHS when staff or children have a positive viral COVID-19 test.

- ▶ Child care centers and homes should notify their DHS licensing consultant or home compliance staff within the same business day.

All close contacts within the child care center or home (including staff and children) should be identified.

Please see the [IDPH guidance on quarantine](#) based on the use of masks and face coverings.

CLOSE CONTACT being within 6 feet of the person who tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes.



Close contacts should be instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days after last exposure to confirmed case.



Close contacts or other interested persons should pursue COVID-19 testing through healthcare provider or Test Iowa.



If close contact received COVID-19 test and tests negative, they still must continue self-quarantine for 14 days.

IF THERE ARE POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS in 1-2 more staff or children that live in separate households.

Communication Tree:



Child care provider contacts DHS compliance staff or licensing consultant.



DHS staff collaborates with Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).



DHS and CCNC will provide guidance to child care provider on cleaning, exclusion, and screening.

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OUTBREAK: 3 or more positive COVID-19 tests in staff or children that live in separate households when within a 14-day period.

Communication Tree:



Child care provider contacts DHS compliance staff or licensing consultant.



DHS staff report outbreak to Healthy Child Care Iowa (HCCI) Coordinator.



▶ HCCI Coordinator will contact Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

▶ HCCI will contact Local Public Health Department.



DHS and CCNC will collaborate and provide guidance to child care center.

PROCEDURE FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE A POSITIVE TEST IN A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER?

- ▶ Child care centers and homes should be deep cleaned in accordance with COVID-19 cleaning guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>.
- ▶ Implement screening procedures for staff and participants for fever and symptoms through the day (at least twice daily) if not already in place.
- ▶ Consider closure based on availability of staff or other factors.
- ▶ Notify all child care families of COVID-19 cases, maintaining confidentiality of the individual(s) who tested positive.

Note: DHS and IDPH may require closure in special situations

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

Source: CDC, Issued 07/20/2020

Local Public Health & Healthcare Partners,

Please see the updated CDC guidance summarized below (IDPH is modifying recommendations on the website as well).

1. Changes in isolation recommendations for symptomatic persons

Persons who think or know they have COVID-19 and have symptoms should isolate until:

- ▶ At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
- ▶ At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and
- ▶ Symptoms have improved

Persons who test positive for COVID-19 and do not have symptoms should isolate until:

- ▶ 10 days have passed since test

CDC discourages using the test-based strategy except as described below.

2. Isolation recommendations for severe, advanced immunosuppressed persons

People with severe, advanced immunosuppression should isolate until:

1. Two negative test results in a row, at least 24 hours apart OR
2. 20 days post symptom onset or date of test

3. Re-exposure recommendations for persons previously infected with COVID-19

Previously diagnosed with COVID-19 have since recovered and remain asymptomatic:

- ▶ Retesting is NOT recommended within three months after the date of symptom onset (or date of test if asymptomatic persons) for the initial COVID-19 infection
- ▶ Quarantine is NOT recommended in the event of close contact with an infected person during the three month time period, as long as the previously diagnosed person remains asymptomatic (i.e., has not developed symptoms of a new illness)

In persons who develop new symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the 3 months after the date of initial symptom onset (if an alternative etiology cannot be identified by a provider) they should be clinically evaluated as appropriate and re-testing should be considered if there is not an alternative diagnosis.

- ▶ The symptomatic person should be isolated again, if symptoms developed within 14 days after close contact with a new COVID case.

