

# QUICK GUIDE: ISOLATION | COVID-19 |

What to do when a child in your early care and education (ECE) program might have COVID-19

DAY 0

Child is sick or has a positive COVID-19 test

## Isolation

DAY  
1-5

Child stays home and **isolates** away from other people to the extent possible.

DAY  
6

Is the child **fever-free** for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication?

AND

is the child **free of symptoms** or **symptoms improved**?

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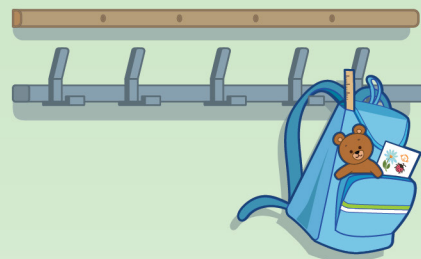
is the child 2 years of age or older and **able to consistently wear a mask** in the ECE program?



YES



## Return to the ECE program



Whenever possible, keep children who are returning from isolation or quarantine before day 11 away from people who are at high risk, and 6 feet apart when masks are not worn.



NO



DAY  
6-10

It is **safest** to continue isolation until the end of day 10<sup>1</sup>.

For children who have symptoms, continue isolation until the child is **fever-free** for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.

For children who were severely ill, or whose fever persists past day 10, consult a healthcare professional before returning to the ECE program.



YES

(After day 10)

### <sup>1</sup>For program administrators:

When you determine isolation policies, you should consider multiple factors: The impact of the loss of access to education and care on the well-being of children and families, the level of community transmission of COVID-19, presence of other people who are at high risk for severe illness, and the ability to use additional prevention strategies.

