

- Send the staff member home/excuse the child from the classroom and have them wait in the designated isolation room
  - While symptomatic children wait in the isolation room, ensure they are provided with a mask if they are age 2 or older
- Call the parent or guardian and arrange for the child to go home or administer a rapid test if proper parental consent is obtained
- Inform the staff to get tested and/or the parent to get their child tested with a COVID-19 test (antigen or PCR)
  - Families can also contact their child's healthcare provider for further evaluation
  - If programs or families have access to an at-home, rapid antigen COVID-19 test, [testing](#) can be administered by the program and/or family
- Clean, disinfect, and ventilate areas that the ill staff/child occupied
- If tested negative, the staff member/child can stay in childcare if symptoms are mild or return to child care once they have been fever free for 24 hours and symptoms improved, no closure recommended for classroom(s), no exclusion/quarantine recommended for exposed cohort.

If an Individual Tests Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

- Individual should stay home for 5 days
- After 5 days
  - If they can mask: can go back to care on day 6 (test recommended, but not required)
  - If the individual cannot mask:
    - If individual can [test](#) on day 5 or later:
      - When test negative and asymptomatic or symptoms are subsiding, can go back to care the day after negative test (rapid test for ages 2 and over), returning to care no later than day 11
      - When test positive, continue isolating until negative test and asymptomatic or symptoms subside through day 10, returning to care no later than day 11
    - If individual cannot test: stay home for a total of 10 days, returning to care on day 11

If an Individual Was Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (Quarantine)

- Individual (staff or student) ages 2 and older may remain in care if they test each day for 5 consecutive days as part of the Rapid Cohort Testing option. If an individual is positive one of those days, they should follow isolation guidance above.
- Otherwise, the individual should stay home for 5 days, and
- After 5 days
  - If they can mask: can go back to care on day 6 (test recommended, but not required)
  - If the individual cannot mask (including ages birth-2):
    - If individual can [test](#) on day 5:
      - When test negative and remain asymptomatic: can go back to care the day after a negative test (rapid test for ages 2 and over), returning to care no later than day 11
      - When test positive, follow isolation guidance above
    - If individual cannot test: stay home for total of ten days, returning to care on day 11