WHAT TO DO IF A CHILD BECOMES SICK AT CHILD CARE OR REPORTS A NEW COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS*

Adapted from CDC guidance. Last updated 09/30/2020

- **Child displays signs of infectious illness consistent with COVID-19.**
  - Provider notifies COVID-19 POC¹ in Center and ill child is isolated away from class group as soon as it is feasible.
  - COVID-19 POC notifies parent, guardian or caregiver of ill child.
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  - Parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver reports child to have recent contact with a person with COVID-19.
  - Parent, guardian or caregiver pick up child. Parent or guardian should consult with health care provider for evaluation and determination if testing is recommended.
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**Positive COVID-19 Result**
- Child returns to school following existing child care program illness management policies.
- Exposed areas in child care environment closed off for up to 24 hours. Cleaning and disinfection of area is performed.

**Negative COVID-19 Result²**
- Owner/Director works with local health officials to assess transmission levels and support contact tracing efforts.
- Members of the child’s household are requested to quarantine for 14 days.
- Child returns to child care program after meeting criteria for ending home isolation.⁴

**A child is newly identified as having COVID-19.**
- Close contacts³ are notified, advised to stay home (quarantine for 14 days), and consult with their health care providers for evaluation and determination if testing is recommended.
- Owner/Director communicates with teacher(s), staff, and parent(s), guardian(s) or caregivers the importance of COVID-19 mitigation strategies (e.g., staying home when sick, washing hands, wearing masks, physical distancing).

**COVID-19 POC in child care program notifies close contacts³ of the ill child to communicate possible exposure. Close contacts include teachers, staff, and parent(s), guardian(s) or caregiver(s) of the child in the program.**

**Owner/Director**
- Owner/Director communicates with teacher(s), staff, and parent(s), guardian(s) or caregivers the importance of COVID-19 mitigation strategies (e.g., staying home when sick, washing hands, wearing masks, physical distancing).
- Owner/Director works with local health officials to assess transmission levels and support contact tracing efforts.
- Child returns to child care program after meeting criteria for ending home isolation.⁴

**Notes**
- * Scenario based on geographic area with community transmission of SARS-COV-2 – the virus that causes COVID-19
- ¹ COVID-19 POC = the designated point of contact in the child care program
- ² With no known close contact
- ³ Close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 2 days prior to illness onset, regardless of whether the contact was wearing a mask.
- ⁴ Child can end home isolation after meeting all of the following three criteria: at least 10 days since symptoms appeared, at least 24 hours with no fever-reducing medication, and symptoms have improved

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