

**COVID-19 Protocol**

**COVID-19 Symptoms:**

*Sore Throat*

*Cough/Shortness of Breath*

*Runny Nose/Congestion*

*Headaches*

*Muscle/Body Aches*

*Loss of Taste/Small*

*\*\*\*\*\*All other symptoms-follow the regular Child Exclusion Policy\*\*\*\*\**

1. **If a parent keeps a child out sick with any COVID-19 symptoms (child was not excluded) and the child has not tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days and does not have a care plan on file detailing the symptoms experienced**, the child will need to be tested by their parent with supervision by a Manager/Nurse **immediately** upon their drop off to program. Follow “COVID-19 Parent Testing Flow Chart” guidelines.

**Quarantine Guidelines**

1. ***If a child is directly exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19 and has not tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days:***

Directly exposed meaning within 6ft for greater than or equal to 15 minutes total.

(Example: child lives with Mom who tested positive for COVID-19)

* If the child is a Head Start (HS) child whom wears a mask daily, they must quarantine at home for 5 days from last exposure to that person. Day 0 is the day of exposure. If the child completes the home quarantine and has no symptoms- the child may return to program. If they are a HS child, they can return to program after a 5 day home quarantine as long as they continue wearing their mask consistently and appropriately upon returning to program for the remaining days 6-10. If the child is unable to wear their mask consistently and appropriately upon return from home quarantine, they will need to complete the remainder of their time at home. (Days 6-10).
  + If the child starts to experience any symptoms, the child must get COVID tested at the doctor’s office.
* If the child is an Early Head Start (EHS) child, they must quarantine at home for 10 days.

1. ***If a child tests positive for COVID-19:***

* If the child is a Head Start (HS) child whom wears a mask daily, they must quarantine at home for 5 days. Day 0 is the day they were tested. Once the child completes the quarantine and has no symptoms- the child can return to program. If they are a HS child, they can return to program after a 5 day home quarantine as long as they continue wearing their mask consistently and appropriately upon returning to program for the remaining days 6-10. If the child is unable to wear their mask consistently and appropriately upon return, they will need to complete the remainder of their quarantine time at home. (Days 6-10).
* If the child is an Early Head Start (EHS) child, they must quarantine for 10 days.

1. ***If a child has tested positive within the past 90 days and is directly exposed to a person whom tested positive for COVID-19 :***

* **Follow the regular exclusion policy**. This child will not need a negative COVID test to return if excluded. This child will need a physician’s note clearing them to return **if a doctor’s visit is required per our regular exclusion policy.**