

Revised Exclusion Criteria

The following is a supplement to Verner's 2019-2020 Exclusion Criteria which can be found in the Family Handbook and Routine Exclusion Criteria.

Routine Exclusion Criteria

- Prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities;
- Results in a need for care that is greater than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children;
- Poses a risk of spread of harmful diseases to others.

COVID-19 Routine Exclusion Criteria

People with COVID-19 report a wide range of symptoms from no symptoms and mild to severe illness. The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

Requires Exclusion	Does not require immediate exclusion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (100.4°F+) • Chills • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • New cough • New loss of taste or smell 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nausea or vomiting/Diarrhea • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • Headache

**The more narrow set of COVID-19 symptoms listed to the left reflects required exclusionary symptoms in order to avoid over-exclusion, per NCDHHS Guidance for Child Care.*

Situations Requiring Exclusion: Applicable to child/staff and anyone in their household

Situation	When can Child/Staff Return?
Symptoms of COVID-19 and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has not been tested OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 	Person can answer yes to ALL three questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has it been at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared? • Has it been at least 3 days since the person had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine)? • Has it been at least 3 days since the person's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath?
Symptoms of COVID-19, but tests negative for COVID-19	Once person returning to center can answer yes to both questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has it been at least 24 hours since the person had a fever without the use of fever reducing medicines? • Has the person felt well for at least the past 24 hours?
Diagnosed with COVID-19 (or awaiting test results)	10 days from the person's first positive test. *However, if the person develops symptoms of COVID-19 after their positive test, they must be able to answer yes to ALL three questions listed above.
Close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19	After the person has completed the 14 days of quarantine at home. The purpose of quarantine is to determine if a person who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 will get infected. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative. *However, if the person tests positive or develops COVID-19 symptoms, return to child care must follow criteria above.
Awaiting test results for COVID-19	Return criteria dependent on reason for testing.