**Symptoms of COVID-19** include fever (≥100.4°F) or chills, fatigue (more tired than usual), headache, muscle aches, cough, nasal congestion or runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, new onset poor appetite or poor feeding.

**Close contact** means being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more or direct exposure to respiratory secretions.

**≥10 cases per 100,000 population** Currently all of Virginia. This will be updated with a link to data on local transmission when available.

Testing—PCR or antigen (Ag) testing is acceptable. If an Ag detection test is negative and there is a high clinical suspicion of COVID-19, confirm with PCR, ideally within 2 days of the initial Ag test. If RT-PCR testing is not available, clinical discretion can be used in whether to recommend the patient isolate.


For Parents and Guardians

- Is your child sick with symptom(s) of COVID-19*?
  - **NO**
    - Symptoms new or unusual for the child
      - Keep child home. Call your healthcare provider. Notify the school.
  - **YES**
    - Symptoms usual for the child (e.g., allergies, migraines, asthma) or caused by a known diagnosis (e.g., ear infection, strep throat)
      - Seek care as per usual practice. If fever present, stay home until at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicines
    - Send to school and/or childcare

Does a child have symptom(s) of COVID-19* at school/childcare?

- **NO**
  - No symptoms, but has had close contact** with someone with COVID-19
    - Alternate diagnoses should be considered and exclusions based on usual practice. (Isolate until at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicine)
  - Exposure to area with ≥10 cases/100,000 population***
    - Testing* and exclusion for COVID-19 may be considered based on level of clinical suspicion and testing availability.
  - Close contact** with person with known or suspected COVID-19

For Schools and Childcare Facilities

- Does a child have symptom(s) of COVID-19* at school/childcare?
  - **NO**
    - Send home until at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicines
  - Child has known or chronic diagnosis that explains symptoms
    - Send home until at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicines
  - Isolate from others. Send home.

For Healthcare Providers

- If no clinical evaluation performed on child
  - Symptoms* new or unusual for the child
    - 10 days home isolation
  - No symptoms, but had close contact** with someone with COVID-19
    - 14 days home quarantine
  - Exposure to area with ≥10 cases/100,000 population***
    - Test* for SARS-CoV-2. Isolate at home.
  - Close contact** with person with known or suspected COVID-19

- Testing*—PCR or antigen (Ag) testing is acceptable. If an Ag detection test is negative and there is a high clinical suspicion of COVID-19, confirm with PCR, ideally within 2 days of the initial Ag test. If RT-PCR testing is not available, clinical discretion can be used in whether to recommend the patient isolate.

Return to School and Childcare

- Test* for SARS-CoV-2 or not tested
  - Negative for SARS-CoV-2
    - Normal activities
  - Positive for SARS-CoV-2
    - Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure or isolate for 10 days from symptom onset

- Negative for SARS-CoV-2
  - Alternate diagnoses should be considered and exclusions based on usual practice. (Isolate until at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicine)
  - Exclusion for 10 days from symptom onset (or date of positive test) as long as 24 hours fever free and symptoms improved. Quarantine close contacts

- Has the child had close contact** with someone with COVID-19?
  - **NO**
    - Seek care as per usual practice. If fever present, stay home until at least 24 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicines
  - **YES**
    - Send to school and/or childcare

- Has the child had close contact** with someone with COVID-19?
  - **NO**
    - Normal activities
  - **YES**
    - Isolate/quarantine at home.

- Send to school and/or childcare on Day 15