VDH Algorithm for Evaluating a Child with COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposure

FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

**Symptoms** of COVID-19 include fever (≥100.4°F) or chill, 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 of poor appetite or poor feeding.

*Has the child had close contact** in the past 14 days with someone with COVID-19?

- NO
  - Send to School and/or Child Care
  - Continue Normal Activities

- YES
  - Test for COVID-19.
  - Isolate/quarantine at home.

FOR SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE FACILITIES

*Close contact* means having a possible exposure to someone with COVID-19. Learn more here. There are some exceptions for students in K-12 settings.

*Is your child sick with symptom(s) of COVID-19***?

- NO
  - Has the child had close contact** in the past 14 days with someone with COVID-19?
    - NO
      - Send to School and/or Child Care
      - Continue Normal Activities
    - YES
      - Test for COVID-19.
      - Isolate/quarantine at home.

- YES
  - Symptom(s) unusual for the child:
    - Isolate/quarantine at home.
    - Send home until at least 14-day isolation.
    - If no symptoms, return after Day 14.
    - If symptoms develop, need 10-day isolation and quarantine close contacts.

FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

*Testing - Refer to the VDH Testing websites [General] and [Healthcare Provider] for the recommended timing of testing and other details.

Clinical Evaluation for Children with Symptoms of COVID-19*


- NO
  - Test* (and/or evaluate clinically) for COVID-19.
  - Isolate at home.

- YES
  - Negative for COVID-19
  - Home isolate for 10 days after symptom onset (or date of positive test). Quarantine close contacts.
  - Positive test or diagnosis for COVID-19
  - Quarantine for 14 days after last exposure* or isolate for 10 days after symptom onset.

RETURN TO SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE

*Stay home (quarantine) until it is safe to be around others. There are some exceptions. Monitor for symptoms and always follow COVID-19 prevention recommendations.

If testing or clinical evaluation performed.

- Symptoms present (whether or not they had close contact**):
  - 10-day home isolation. Then return when no fever for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine. Quarantine close contacts.

- No symptoms but had close contact**:
  - 14-day home quarantine.
  - If no symptoms, return after Day 14. If symptoms develop, need 10-day isolation and quarantine close contacts.

- No testing or clinical evaluation performed.

- Symptoms present (whether or not they had close contact**):
  - After 10-day isolation, if no fever for at least 24 hours and symptoms have improved, child may return to school and/or child care.
  - If symptoms develop, rest as soon as possible. Home isolate for 10 days after symptom onset. Quarantine close contacts.

- No symptoms but had close contact**:
  - If no symptoms develop, child may return to school and/or child care after Day 14.