

When can my child return to daycare?

ISOLATION

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 or has COVID-19 or flu symptoms:

- Test immediately after symptoms develop
- Stay home for 5 days
- Stay away from other people as much as possible
- Return after 5 days if:
 - older than age 2, and
 - can correctly and consistently wear a mask, and
 - fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.
- Age 2 or younger, and all children who cannot correctly and consistently mask should isolate for 10 days.



QUARANTINE

If your child has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, has not had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days, and is ineligible or not up-to-date with vaccinations:

- Stay home for 5 days
- Stay away from other people as much as possible
- Test on day 5 or immediately if symptoms develop.
- Return after 5 days if:
 - older than age 2, and
 - can correctly and consistently wear a mask, and
 - fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.
- Age 2 or younger, and all children who cannot correctly and consistently mask should quarantine for 10 days.
- Children who are up-to-date on vaccines and do not develop symptoms after exposure do not need to quarantine.
- Children who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days and do not have symptoms do not need to quarantine.

COUNTING DAYS OF ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE

Day 0 is the first day of symptoms or the last day of exposure to someone with COVID-19, OR for people who do not have symptoms, the specimen collection date of the positive viral test. Example below is for a child with COVID-19 symptoms who is over 2 years of age with symptoms improved by day 5 who can correctly and consistently mask while at daycare.



SCENARIOS

Scenario 1:

Valerie, age 4, has a fever and sore throat (day 0 is the first day of symptoms). She has gotten better and by day 4, she was fever-free for 24 hours. Even though she feels almost back to normal, she needs to wait until day 6 (5 full days) before she returns to school, if she can wear a mask consistently and correctly.



Scenario 2:

Marco, age 2, has a cough and tested COVID-19 positive (day 0 is the day the test sample was collected). He must stay home for 10 full days, and may return if his symptoms have improved and he has been without a fever for 24 hours.



Scenario 3:

Sadie, age 2, is Marco's classmate. She has no symptoms, but was in class with Marco on his last day of daycare. Because she is a close contact of Marco, she must quarantine for 10 full days, and should get tested for COVID-19 on day 5. If positive, she must isolate for 10 days, with day 0 being the day the test sample was collected. If negative, she may return to daycare after day 10 if she has no symptoms.



The Kane County Health Department supports the [DCFS Restore Illinois Licensed Daycare Guidance](#). To view the document, and for more information, visit kanehealth.com and click on "COVID Information for Schools and Daycares"