

COVID-19 CASE REPORTING AND OUTBREAK RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS & HOMES

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CASE REPORTING & RESPONSE

All licensed child care centers and homes are required to notify DHS when staff or children have a positive viral COVID-19 test.

- ▶ Child care centers and homes should notify their DHS licensing consultant or home compliance staff within the same business day.

All close contacts within the child care center or home (including staff and children) should be identified.

Please see the [IDPH guidance on quarantine based on the use of masks and face coverings](https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Guidance). (<https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Guidance>)

CLOSE CONTACT being within 6 feet of the person who tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes.

- ▶ Close contacts should self-quarantine for 14 days.
 - ▶ People who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are NOT required to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated against the disease and show no symptoms.
 - ▶ Quarantine is not recommended for the exposed close contact, if the close contact was diagnosed with COVID-19 infection during the previous three month time period, as long as close contact remains asymptomatic.
 - ▶ Quarantine can end after 10 days without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
 - ▶ Quarantine can end after 7 days and a negative COVID-19 test and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation, but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than after Day 7.
- ▶ Close contacts or other interested persons should pursue COVID-19 testing through healthcare provider or Test Iowa.
- ▶ If a shorter quarantine period is considered the person would need to continue to do the following:
 - Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.
 - If symptoms develop, they would need to immediately self-isolate and contact their local public health or healthcare provider.
 - Wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from others.

IF THERE ARE POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS in 1-2 more staff or children that live in separate households.

Communication Tree:

- ▶ Child care provider contacts DHS compliance staff or licensing consultant.
- ▶ DHS staff collaborates with Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).
- ▶ DHS and CCNC will provide guidance to child care provider on cleaning, exclusion, and screening.

OUTBREAK: 3 or more positive COVID-19 tests in staff or children that live in separate households when within a 14-day period.

Communication Tree:

- ▶ Child care provider contacts DHS compliance staff or licensing consultant.
- ▶ DHS staff report outbreak to Healthy Child Care Iowa (HCCI) Coordinator.
 - ▶ HCCI Coordinator will contact Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).
 - ▶ HCCI will contact Local Public Health Department.
- ▶ DHS and CCNC will collaborate and provide guidance to child care center.

PROCEDURE FOR CHILD CARE PROVIDERS THAT HAVE A POSITIVE TEST IN A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER?

- ▶ Child care centers and homes should be deep cleaned in accordance with COVID-19 cleaning guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>.
- ▶ Consider closure based on availability of staff or other factors.
- ▶ Notify all child care families of COVID-19 cases, maintaining confidentiality of the individual(s) who tested positive.

Note: DHS and IDPH may require closure in special situations

