

## **DECISION TREE**

# from age 0 up to group 8 primary school Should children be allowed to attend day care/school?



This decision tree has been developed on the basis of the directives of the RIVM (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment). It is a guideline for parents and child care workers (after-school and childminder care) and schools. With the help of this decision tree you will be able to determine whether a child should or should not be allowed to attend child care or primary school (up to any age). There is one decision tree for children aged zero up to and including group 8. A Dutch version is also available.

The outcome of the decision tree is not valid for brothers and/or sisters. The decision tree has to be followed separately for each child.

This decision tree is regularly updated on the basis of new or renewed regulations. Please check the most recent version on www.boink.info/coronavirus-kinderopvang.

#### **START** Does anyone within the household of the **IMPORTANT NOTICE** child suffer from COVID-19? Follow the decision tree from top to bottom. Start No Yes with the first question and follow the questions in the Does a person living in the same house The child will prescribed sequence. as the child have complaints fitting stay at home COVID-19/corona as well as a fever (38.0 degrees Celsius / 99.5 degrees F or higher) or tightness of the chest? Nο Yes Does the child have The child will a nasal cold? stay at home **NASAL COLD** Generally applies: runny nose, mucus in/from Has the child in the past 10 \* For Municipal Health the nose (the colour is days been in contact\* with Services (GGD): irrelevant) possibly with someone who suffers from contacts in categories sneezing, a COVID-19 (the corona virus)? 2 and 3 light/occasional cough and/or Yes No throat ache No occasionally). Has the child visited countries or The child will regions with a red or orange travel stay at home advisory less than 10 days ago? (please check www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl practioner immediately. for the current overview) when someone belonging to the child's Yes No Does the child have a fever (38.0 degrees Celsius / 99.5 degrees F or stay at home higher) or tightness of the chest or does it **cough** (more than incidentally)?\*\* TEST RESULT, AND THEN? HOW LONG SHOULD A CHILD STAY AT Yes HOME? The child will A sick child stays at home if it hasn't stay at home experienced shortness of breath, coughing (more than occasionally) or fever for 24 hours. And for the time the child is still in a \*\*Do these symptoms fit in with usual/familiar health quarantine period. Please follow the problems, such as **hay fever** or **asthma**? In that case decision tree once more. you may answer this question negatively.

## **COMPLAINTS FITTING** COVID-19/CORONA

nasal cold, runny nose, sneezing, throat ache, coughing, tightness of the chest, low-grade or high-grade fever, sudden loss of smell and/or taste (without nasal congestion).

#### WHEN SHOULD A CHILD BE TESTED?

In all cases, follow the advice of the GGD (Municipal Health Services).

### **TESTING IS NOT NECCESARY:**

- when the child shows symptoms of a common cold (such as a runny nose, nasal cold, sneezing, throat ache) or familiar symptoms associated hav fever or asthma.
- when the child shows other symptoms that could be related to COVID-19, such as fever, shortness of breath, or coughing (more than

#### **TESTING IS NECCESARY:**

- when the child is seriously ill and is showing symptoms that are in line with COVID-19. In that case inform your general
- household or someone who has been in close contact with the child has tested positive for COVID-19 and the child develops symptoms. Consult with your general practitioner or the GGD (Municipal Health
- if the child is involved in an outbreak investigation. Follow the advice of the GGD.

- in case of a positive test result (corona virus has been found) of the child or a household member, the instructions of the GGD should be followed.
- when the child receives a **negative** test result (no corona virus) it may attend child care or school again, even if not all health complaints have disappeared yet.

Should there be any questions or confusion after following the decision tree, we advise you to contact your regional infectious disease specialist. In case of doubt or questions you can also call the national information number coronavirus of the Dutch government (Rijksoverheid): 0800 -1351 (free of charge, 08:00 - 20:00 hours). For more information please check www.rivm.nl/coronavirus-covid-19.



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