COVID-19 CHILD CARE GUIDANCE WHEN A *CHILD* IS FEELING SICK OR TESTS POSITIVE

CASE 1

DAY 0	DAY 1-5	DAY 5	DAY 6-10	DAY 11+
Child feels sick or has fever.	**IMMEDIATELY ISOLATE** **Send home or stay home.** Child gets COVID-19 test.** If **NEGATIVE**, can return when: 1. Feeling better AND 2. Fever has been gone at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication.			

CASE 2

DAY 0	DAY 1-5	DAY 5	DAY 6-10	DAY 11+
Child is POSITIVE for COVID-19* • **If child feels sick at any time, Day 0 is first sick day.** • **If never sick, Day 0 is the day child was swabbed.**	**Child stays home**	• Testing recommended for 2 years of age and older • Under 2 years of age: testing not required.	**Child may return** when: 1. Feeling better AND 2. Fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine. 3. If tested, test is negative. If 2 years or older should wear a mask except during naps and mealtimes.	**DO NOT TEST** Child without fever may return.

*If child tests POSITIVE without symptoms, then feels sick later, Day 0 is now the day they started feeling sick. Restart #2 at Day 0.

**If sick child is not tested and there is not another diagnosis from a healthcare provider, child should stay home for 5 days.

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