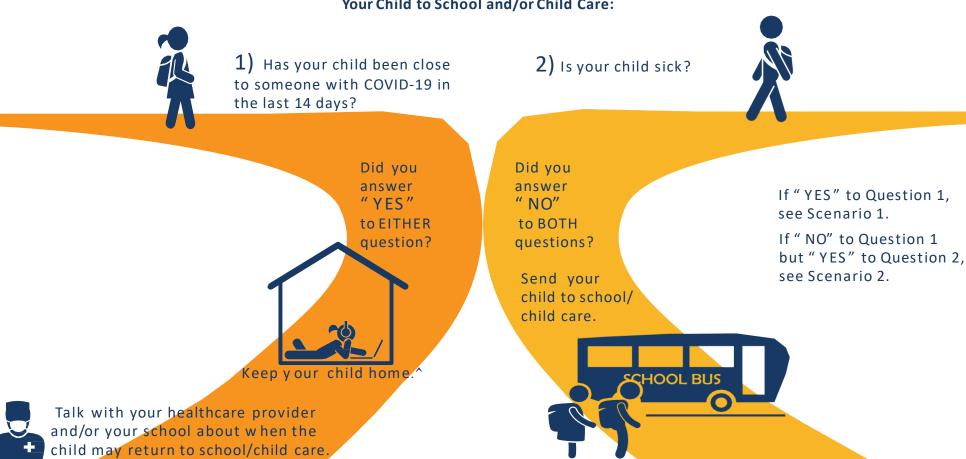
For Parents and Guardians

When Can I Send My Child to School and/or Child Care?

Answer These Two Questions Every Day Before Sending Your Child to School and/or Child Care:



^ Until you are <u>fully vaccinated</u>, you should continue to take COVID-19 precautions If you have a condition or are taking medications that weaken your immune system, you may not be fully protected even if you are fully vaccinated. You should continue taking all <u>precautions</u> until your healthcare provider says you no longer need to do so. There are exceptions for who needs to get tested or quarantine after close contact with someone with COVID-19 (or after a known exposure to someone with COVID-19); see here for more details.

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Scenarios for Evaluating a Child Based on COVID-19 Exposure

Child Has Been Exposed to COVID-19

Scenario 1

A negative test for COVID-19 does not change these recommendations.



The child has been close to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days

'Close to someone with COVID-19' means being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, or having direct contact with secretions. For indoor K-12 school close contact definition, see here.

The child must stay home.

If no symptoms throughout the entire 14-day* quarantine: On Day 15 child may return to school/child care.

*14-day quarantine recommended. (See the 'Definition of Terms' section for a reminder about what quarantine means.) Those who have had COVID-19 in the past three months or been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 are not required to quarantine as long as they do not have symptoms. Monitor for symptoms for 14 days and always follow COVID-19 prevention recommendations.

If child has symptoms: Contact healthcare provider. Isolate at home for 10 days after the day symptoms start. Quarantine close contacts.* If no symptoms at first but some develop: When symptoms start, consult healthcare provider, begin 10-day home isolation for sick child, and begin 14-day* quarantine for close contacts.

Must have no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine and feel better before returning to class after 10-day isolation.

Child Has Not Been Exposed to COVID-19

Scenario 2

The child has NOT been close to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, but the child

is sick

You already know why the child is sick, and it is not COVID-19

Stay home until fever is gone for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications. Child may return to school/child care as symptoms permit.

The child has been tested or evaluated for COVID-19 Stay home until fever is gone for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Positive test or diagnosis

Negative

Isolate at home for 10 days after symptom onset (or date of positive test) and 24 hours fever-free.

Quarantine close contacts.

You do not know why the child is sick, and the child has not been tested for COVID-19 Encourage evaluation by a healthcare provider and/or testing for COVID-19.

Isolate at home for 10 days after symptom onset and 24 hours fever-free.

Quarantine close contacts.

Outbreaks may result in more stringent recommendations

See the 'Definition of Terms' section for the definition of close contact.