

COVID-19 Revised Updates

Office of Early Childhood and Out
of School Learning





Review of terms

Close Contact

- ✓ You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24 hour period.
- ✓ You provided care at home or in a child care program to someone who is sick with COVID 19
- ✓ You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
- ✓ You shared eating or drinking utensils
- ✓ They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you



More about close contact

- ✓ Contact was within two (2) days of the person showing symptoms
- ✓ Or when no symptoms, within two (2) days of the positive test date
- ✓ You are a close contact if you are within six (6) feet even if you are wearing a mask



What does it mean to quarantine?



- Stay home for 14 days, or a shortened period based upon local circumstances, after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19
- Watch for fever (100.4), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19
- If possible, stay away from others, especially people who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19



What to do if a positive case is reported?



A child who has been attending child care center, in the two-year-old classroom, tests positive for COVID-19. His/her parents contact the child care and report the positive test and indicate that he/she will be staying home. The child care has been keeping the same children together each day with the same set of teachers (one primary teacher and a sub who covers lunch and breaks).





1. Contact their licensing consultant
2. Contact their local health department
3. Close off the 2-year-old classroom for up to 24 hours.
Clean and disinfect the area according to CDC guidelines and OECOSL guidance.
4. Contact families in the 2-year-old classroom to let them know that their child has had direct contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19. These children would be considered close contacts (quarantine) and should consult with their healthcare provider for evaluation and determination if testing is recommended.

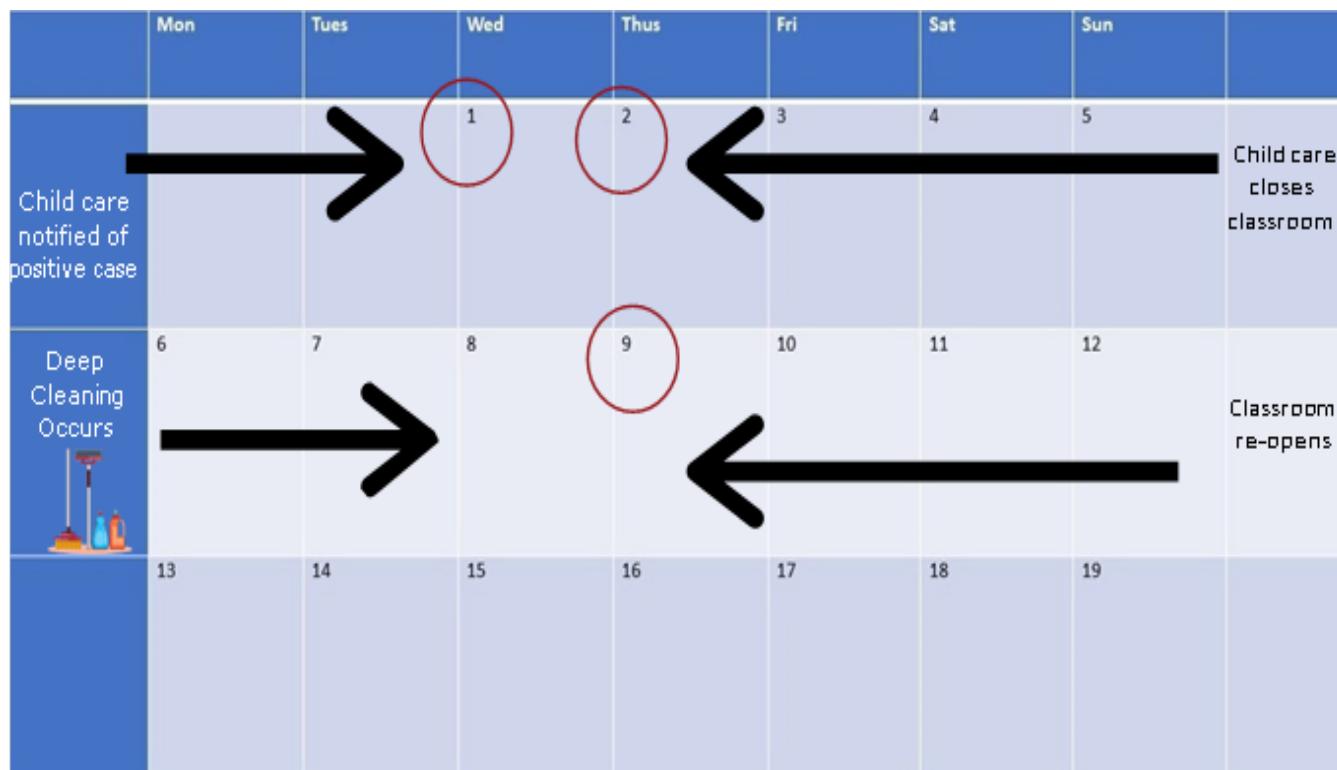




5. Contact all other families in the child care and notify them that a positive case has been identified in the child care. Inform them that they should watch for any symptoms associated with COVID-19 and stress the importance of mitigation strategies such as staying home when sick, washing hands, wearing masks and social distancing. These children may continue to attend.
6. Send home the primary teacher and the sub who have been working in the 2-year-old classroom to begin their quarantine period and provide them information on testing sites.



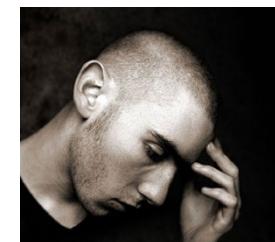
The two-year-old classroom should be closed for at least 7 days. Only teachers and children without symptoms and who complete a COVID-19 test (day 5 or later) and test negative may return on day 8. Teachers and children without symptoms who do not get tested may return on day 11.





What to do if a positive case is reported?

A teacher, in the 4-year-old classroom, in a ministry comes to work and begins to feel ill. Due to the protocols of assessing staff daily the teacher is sent home once symptoms were noticed. The teacher does go to see her physician and is given a rapid COVID test. The test comes back positive and the teacher notifies the ministry of the positive test result. The ministry has been keeping the same children together each day with the same teachers. However, the breakroom has been an area where teachers have tended to congregate and eat lunch. Upon discussion it has been learned that many of the teachers have been around each other eating lunch, without masks, for several days while the ill teacher was present.





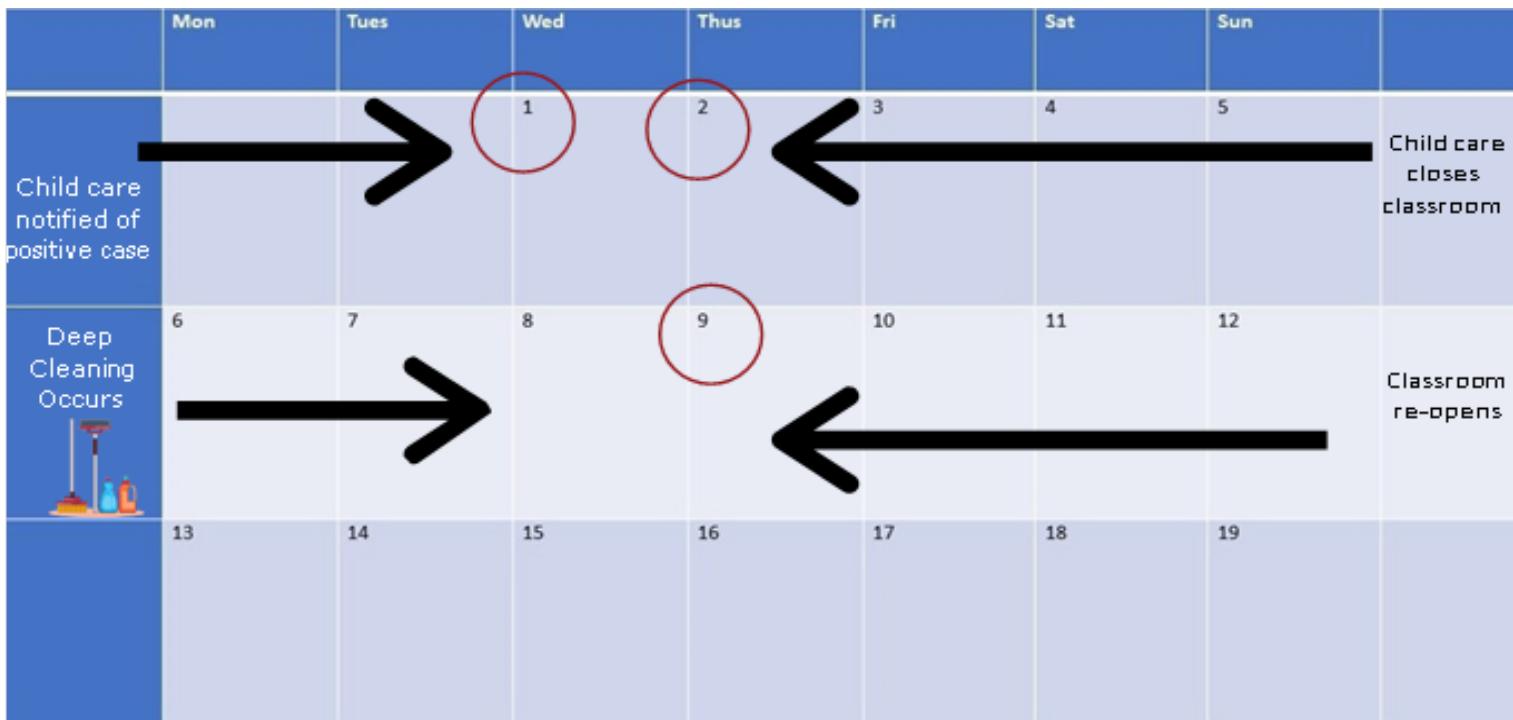
1. Contact their licensing consultant
2. Contact their local health department
3. Close off the 4-year-old classroom for up to 24 hours. Clean and disinfect the area according to CDC guidelines and OECOSL guidance.
4. Contact families in the 4-year-old classroom to let them know that their child has had direct contact with someone who is positive for COVID-19. These children would be considered close contacts (quarantine) and should consult with their healthcare provider for evaluation and determination if testing is recommended.



5. Contact all other families in the child care and notify them that a positive case has been identified in the child care. Inform them that they should watch for any symptoms associated with COVID-19 and stress the importance of mitigation strategies such as staying home when sick, washing hands, wearing masks and social distancing. These children may continue to attend.
6. Notify all teaching staff that they may have had contact with a co-worker who has tested positive for COVID-19 due to the practice of break times. Any teacher that has been eating in the break room with the teacher and has had close contact (two days before symptoms) needs to begin a quarantine period.



The four-year-old classroom should be closed for 7 days. Only teachers and children without symptoms and who complete a COVID-19 test (day 5 or later) and test negative may return on day 8. Teachers and children without symptoms who do not get tested may return on day 11.





What to do if a positive case is reported?



A parent of a child, who is attending a child care home, contacts the home operator and indicates that he/she has tested positive for COVID-19. Based upon the makeup of the child care home, all children have been together with the home operator and there are no other staff. The child care home operator has had pick up and drop off policies that have not allowed parents into the child care and thus direct contact with the parent has not occurred for all children. The child care home operator has also required that all parents wear masks during drop off and pick up and has worn a mask as well.





1. Contact their licensing consultant
2. Contact their local health department
3. Inform the family that until the 10th day of the quarantine period is over and the child is experiencing no symptoms, or the child receives a negative COVID-19 test and has quarantined for 7 days, that the child cannot return to the child care.
4. Contact families of the other children in the child care and let them know that their child has had contact with a child whose parent has tested positive, but their child is not yet considered a close contact. Inform families that until the 10th day of the quarantine period is over and the child is experiencing no symptoms, or the child receives a negative COVID-19 test (day 5 or later) and has quarantined for 7 days, that the exposed child cannot return to the child care.

Other children can continue to attend due to no direct contact with the parent that tested positive. No other steps would be necessary unless directed by the local health department.



What to do if a positive case is reported?



A child care home operator tests positive for COVID-19 and is displaying common symptoms of fever, cough and fatigue.



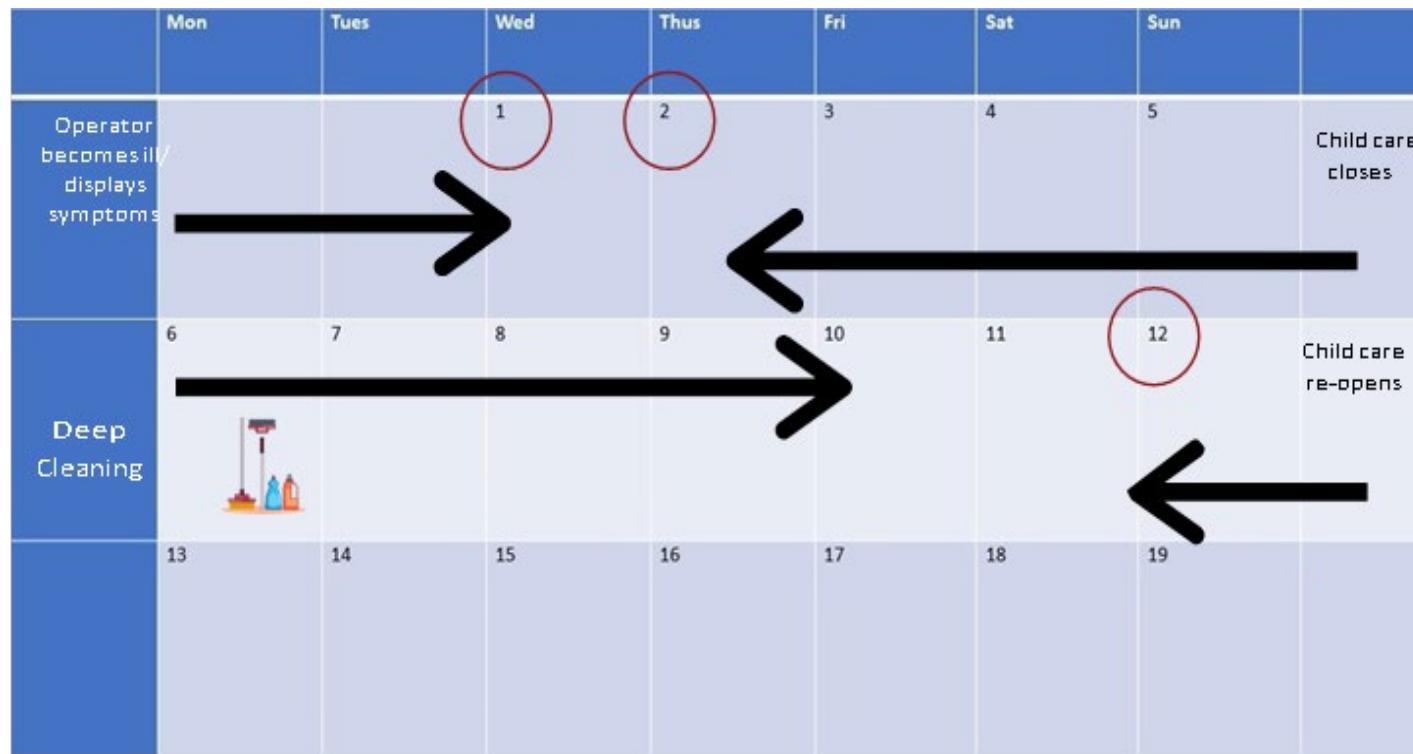


1. Contact their licensing consultant
2. Contact their local health department
3. Close the child care for 10 days
4. Contact families and let them know that their child has had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. These children would be considered close contacts (quarantine) and should consult with their healthcare provider for evaluation and determination if testing is recommended.





The child care home should be closed for 10 days .It may reopen if it has been 10 days since someone in household got symptoms, and all household members are improving and have been fever free for at least 24 hours.





Have more questions?

- Contact your licensing consultant
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