Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Children at an Educational Institution and Their Close Contacts at the Facility
Symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection in children include: fever ≥ 100.4°F; new cough (different from baseline); diarrhea or vomiting. If the child’s symptoms are not consistent with possible COVID-19 but there is still concern, evaluation of the child by a medical provider is recommended.
**Decision Pathways for Contacts of a Potentially Infected Child**

1. A potentially infected child is defined as a child with 1 or more symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19. Symptoms include fever ≥ 100.4°F; new cough (different from baseline); diarrhea or vomiting. A contact of a potentially infected child is a child or employee at the facility who was in close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 or more minutes over a 24-hour period) with a potentially infected child; had direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions from a potentially infected child; or is a member of a classroom or cohort with exposure to a potentially infected child.

2. Exposure is confirmed for the contact of a potentially infected child if the Institution receives notification that the potentially infected child had a positive COVID-19 diagnostic viral test OR received a diagnosis of COVID-19 from a medical provider.

Contacts of a potentially infected child are notified that they may have had an exposure at the facility. Contacts may remain at the facility while waiting for confirmation of exposure.

- **Institution confirms that contact was exposed to COVID-19.**
  - Contact is instructed to quarantine and test.
  - Contact has positive COVID-19 diagnostic viral test.
  - Contact stays isolated at home until fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours, improved symptoms, and 10 days from beginning of symptoms (or 10 days from test date, if no symptoms).
  - Contact stays quarantined at home until 10 days from last exposure to infected person.

- **Institution confirms that contact was not exposed OR no confirmation of exposure is provided.**
  - No action required.
  - Contact does not test or has negative COVID-19 diagnostic viral test.
  - Contact stays isolated at home until 10 days from last exposure to infected person.

**Contact Stays Quarantined at Home**
- 10 days from last exposure to infected person.

**Contact Stays Isolated at Home**
- Fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours, improved symptoms, and 10 days from beginning of symptoms (or 10 days from test date, if no symptoms).
Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Employees at an Educational Institution and Their Close Contacts at the Facility
Decision Pathways for Employees Screened for Symptoms and Exposures Prior to Entry\(^1\) into an Educational Institution

\(^1\)If employee becomes unwell at the facility, place employee in an isolation area (ideally outdoors, physically distant from attendant) and follow decision pathways below.

1. Screening indicates no symptoms and exposures for employee. Employee is cleared to enter the facility.

2. Screening identifies employee with 1 or more symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19. Employee is sent home and instructed to consult Medical Provider for further evaluation and possible COVID-19 testing.

3. Screening identifies employee with symptoms not consistent with possible COVID-19. Institution determines if the employee should be excused per illness management policy. If the employee’s symptoms make it difficult for the employee to comply with the facility’s COVID-19 safety protocols, the employee should be sent home.

4. Screening identifies employee as exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19. Employee is sent home and instructed to test for COVID-19. Employee quarantines for 10 days from last exposure to infected person.

Medical provider confirms employee does not have symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Employee stays home per Medical provider guidance. Employee reports health status to institution.

Medical provider tested

Medical provider confirms employee does not have symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Employee stays home until fever free without fever reducing medication for 3 days and improved symptoms. Employee reports health status to institution.

Employee has negative COVID-19 molecular test

Medical provider does not consult or medical provider confirms employee has symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Employee stays isolated at home until fever free for 24 hours, improved symptoms, and 10 days from symptom onset. Employee reports health status to institution.

Medical provider has positive COVID-19 diagnostic viral test

Employee not tested

Medical provider confirms employee has symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Employee is sent home and instructed to consult Medical Provider for further evaluation and possible COVID-19 testing.

Per CDC interim guidance for businesses and employers (5/2020), businesses may consider screening adult employees for symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19, including fever ≥ 100.4° or feeling feverish (chills, sweating); new cough (different from baseline); shortness of breath; muscle or body aches; diarrhea or vomiting; new loss of taste or smell. If the employee’s symptoms are not listed above but there is still concern, additional evaluation by a medical provider is recommended.
A potentially infected employee is defined as an employee with 1 or more symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19. Symptoms include fever ≥ 100.4° or feeling feverish (chills, sweating); new cough (different from baseline); shortness of breath; muscle or body aches; diarrhea or vomiting; new loss of taste or smell.

A contact of a potentially infected employee is a child or employee at the facility who was in close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 or more minutes over a 24-hour period) with a potentially infected employee; had direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions from a potentially infected employee; or is a member of a classroom or cohort with exposure to a potentially infected employee.

Contact stays quarantined at home until 10 days from last exposure to infected person.

Contact stays isolated at home until fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours, improved symptoms, and 10 days from beginning of symptoms (or 10 days from test date, if no symptoms).

Contact has positive COVID-19 diagnostic viral test

Contact does not test or has negative COVID-19 diagnostic viral test

Contact is instructed to quarantine and test

Contacts of a potentially infected employee are notified that they may have had an exposure at the facility.

Contacts may remain at the facility while waiting for confirmation of exposure.  

Institution confirms that contact was exposed to COVID-19.

Institution confirms that contact was not exposed or no confirmation of exposure is provided. No action required.

2Exposure is confirmed for the contact of a potentially infected employee if the Institution receives notification that the potentially infected employee had a positive COVID-19 diagnostic viral test OR received a diagnosis of COVID-19 from a medical provider.
Decision Pathways for
*Children or Employees with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19*
at an Educational Institution and Their Close Contacts at the Facility
Guidance for Child or Employee with Laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 at an Educational Institution

1. Educational Institution is notified of a child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19.
2. Child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 is sent home.
3. Child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 is instructed to isolate at home, away from others.¹
4. Institution identifies exposed contacts to child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 while infectious² and notifies contacts of exposure.

¹ Persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 should isolate until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, improved symptoms, and 10 days from beginning of symptoms (or 10 days from test date, if no symptoms).
² The infectious period for an infected person is 48 hours before symptom onset (or test date for persons with no symptoms) until the infected person is no longer required to be isolated.
Decision Pathways for Contacts\(^1\) of a Child or Employee with Laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 at an Educational Institution.

\(^1\)A contact of a child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 is defined as a child or employee at the facility that was within 6 feet of an individual with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 for a total of 15 or more minutes over a 24-hour period; had unprotected direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions from a person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19; or is a member of a classroom or cohort with exposure to a person with laboratory-confirmed infection.

Contacts are notified that they have been exposed to COVID-19 at the facility and instructed to quarantine and test for COVID-19.

- Contact tested
  - Contact has **positive** COVID-19 diagnostic viral test
    - Contact stays isolated at home until fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours, improved symptoms, and 10 days from beginning of symptoms (or 10 days from test date, if no symptoms)
  - Contact has **negative** COVID-19 diagnostic viral test
    - Contact stays quarantined at home until 10 days from last exposure to infected person.
- Contact not tested