



HCPs and Childcare Centers during COVID-19

RCDHU recommends childcare staff, parents and children with symptoms of COVID-19 contact their Health Care Provider or VTAC for consult, assessment and possible COVID-19 testing.

- If medical assessment by a HCP determines swabbing is *not necessary*, staff and/or children can return to the facility 24 hours after symptom(s) resolve.
- If testing is *recommended* but not completed, the individual must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days from symptom(s) onset **and** must be at least 24 hours symptom free before they are able to return to the facility.
- If testing is completed and result is *negative* the individual can return 24 hours after symptom(s) resolve.
- If testing is completed and result is *positive* the individual must self-isolate for a minimum of 14 days from symptom(s) onset **and** must be at least 24 hours symptom free before they are able to return to the facility. This scenario would result in an outbreak leading to closure of the cohort and/or facility (based on scenario)

RCDHU Definition of Outbreak and Childcare Investigation:

- Clusters (≥ 2 staff, parents or children) of suspected cases with COVID-19 symptoms within the same cohort and within a 48 hour period; **or**,
- Laboratory-confirmed cases or probable (symptoms occurring among a staff or child who have been exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19)

How Does this Impact HCPs?

For consistency and investigation purposes, RCDHU is asking HCPs to provide RCDHU with assessment information for individuals linked to a childcare facility via [RCDHU COVID-19 External Reporting Form](#).

It is important to determine which facility they attend as well as if other members of the cohort are symptomatic in order to manage potential outbreaks.