

Illness of Child or Staff While Attending Childcare Facility



It is recommended that childcare staff and children with symptoms of COVID-19 contact their Health Care Provider, or call VTAC for testing as soon as possible, and self-isolate at home until their result is available. If staff and/or children are not tested, they will need to self-isolate for a minimum of 10 days from symptom(s) onset and must be at least 24 hours symptom free before they are able to return to the facility.

Symptomatic Child Process

If a child becomes ill with symptoms while in care, they *must* be **immediately** separated from the rest of the cohort into a designated room or space and must be supervised until pick-up. Supervising staff *must* maintain physical distancing as best as possible and wear **full personal protective equipment** including gown, eye protection, gloves and surgical mask. Parents/guardians or emergency contacts must be notified to pick up the ill child as soon as possible. Children older than two years should wear a mask (if tolerated and able to use it properly).

Symptomatic Staff Process

Ill staff must be separated from others into the designated exclusion room to self-isolate until they are able to be picked up. If they are well enough to drive themselves and have a personal vehicle, they are to drive directly to their place of residence.

If a staff member or child requires immediate medical attention, they must be taken to the hospital via ambulance and examined by a legally qualified medical practitioner or a nurse registered under the Health Disciplines Act. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 262, s. 34 (3).

Exposure Process

Childcare staff and children who were exposed to an individual who **became ill with COVID-19 symptoms** must continue to be grouped together and monitored for signs and symptoms of illness:

- Staff must inform parents/guardians of children who were exposed to the ill child, and advise that they should **monitor** their child for symptoms.
- Childcare staff must not work in other childcare settings. They must be advised to avoid contact with vulnerable populations or settings.

Childcare staff and children **exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19** must be excluded from the childcare setting for 14 days:

- These individuals *must* **self-isolate** at home and **monitor** for symptoms for the next 14 days.
- Individuals who have been exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 should get tested as soon as any symptoms develop.
- If asymptomatic, individuals who have been exposed are also encouraged to get tested at any time within 14 days of the potential exposure. *They must continue to self-isolate for 14 days even if the test is negative.*

Staff and children who are being **managed by RCDHU** (e.g. confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 and close contacts of cases) must follow RCDHU instructions to determine when to return to the childcare centre/home. Staff must also report to their occupational health and safety department prior to return to work, when applicable.

Report to Renfrew County and District Health Unit if:

- Cases of COVID-19 among staff or child attendees that are laboratory-confirmed or probable (symptoms occurring among a staff or child who has been exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19).
- Clusters of absences (greater than 15% of daycare including children and staff who report COVID-19 symptoms within one day). *For example, 15% of 20 individuals would be $20 \times 0.15 = 3$ individuals.*

Immediately fax the COVID-19 Child Care Facility Reporting form to **613-735-3067** and wait for contact from RCDHU staff.

