



Childcare: What if a child or staff member tests positive?

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Guidance for cleaning.

- Clean and disinfect your facility according to Childcare Licensing guidelines.¹
- Closing your facility may not be necessary, provided you can maintain staffing needs while following guidance.

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Be ready to work with Maine CDC to gather important information.

- Maine CDC investigators may reach out if the child or staff member was at your facility during their infectious period.²
- They will collect information on:
 - The last date the person was at the facility.
 - A list of people who may have had close contact³ with the child or staff member.
- Maine CDC recommends that close contacts quarantine for 10 days from the last exposure, then monitor for symptoms for 4 more days.

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Notify staff and parents.

- Notify families and staff about the potential exposure. Let all close contacts know that they need to quarantine.
- You must maintain the confidentiality of the positive person during this notification process.
- Maine CDC recommends that close contacts get tested 5-7 days after exposure.
- Contact your childcare licensing specialist.
- If you call Maine CDC to report the case, please provide the name and date of birth of the positive individual.

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Work with families and staff for return to your facility.

- Maine CDC does not recommend that you require proof of a negative test for children or staff to return to your facility.
- Once an infected person meets the criteria for release from isolation, they are no longer considered infectious.

For more information and resources, visit: www.maine.gov/dhhs/coronavirus

1: Find updated Childcare Licensing guidance here: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/COVID-19-response.shtml>

2: The infectious period starts up to 2 days prior to symptom onset (or when the positive specimen was collected if asymptomatic) and lasts until symptoms are resolved (or until 10 days have passed if asymptomatic).

3: A close contact is someone who has been within 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period.