

Illness Decision Tree: Covid 19 Operations*



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To report an illness, call (202) 748-5930 or email stephanie@toddlersonthehill.org.

A child or staff member experiences Covid 19 symptoms while at home or at school

SYMPTOMS

Fever (100.4 degrees F or higher) or chills, cough, runny nose/congestion, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, fatigue, headache, muscle or body aches, poor appetite, new loss of taste or smell

STAY AT HOME or GO HOME

- Notify ToTH of illness
- Consult physician and seek testing

RETURN TO SCHOOL

If positive test result and symptomatic:

- **24** hours after resolution of fever and respiratory symptoms AND 10 days after symptoms first appeared

If positive result and asymptomatic:

- 10 days from date of positive test result

If negative test result or documentation from physician of alternate diagnosis (i.e. flu, strep throat, etc.):

- 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms and fever (without use of fever reducing medication).

A child or staff member does not feel well or has a non-Covid 19 symptom while at home or at school

SYMPTOMS

Body rash, eye, ear, or mouth problems, injuries, extreme irritability, confusion, abnormal skin discoloration, etc.

STAY AT HOME or GO HOME

- Notify ToTH of illness
- Consult physician

RETURN TO SCHOOL

- For the following symptoms, written permission from a health care practitioner must be provided before returning to school: diarrhea, vomiting 2 or more times in 24 hrs, body rash with fever, sore throat with fever, abnormal skin discoloration, any fever with rash, vomiting, diarrhea, earache, irritability, confusion.
- All other conditions: 24 hours after symptoms have resolved.

A child or staff member experiences a runny nose, sneezing, or condition with secretions or discharge

SYMPTOMS

Continuous runny nose*, continuous sneezing, eye discharge, ear discharge

STAY AT HOME or GO HOME

- Notify ToTH of condition
- Consult physician if necessary; confirmation of a diagnosis other than COVID-19 allows a return to school after symptoms subside.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

- 24 hours after the resolution of symptoms

While these conditions can be quite common and are often an indication of allergies or the common cold, there is an increased likelihood of germs spreading (and possible asymptomatic transmission of COVID 19) through these secretions. Runny noses in particular often require increased teacher attention to cleaning and close contact between individuals.

***If the runny nose is circumstantial (playing outside in cold weather) or temporary (subsides after 30 minutes) the child may come to school.**

***These policies are subject to change throughout the year as OSSE and DC Health update their guidance for child care facilities.**