

When is a COVID-19 Test Required for a Symptomatic Child/Staff Member to Return to Child Care?

COVID-19 Test REQUIRED

1 of the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

OR 2 (or more) of the following symptoms:
(if only one symptom, a test is not required)

- Fever (temperature greater than 100.4 degrees or felt feverish to the touch)
- Chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

COVID-19 Test NOT Required

For 1 or more of these symptoms, a test is *not* required:

- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

¹ <https://reopeningri.com/child-care-youth-activities>

Returning to a child care facility (new slide)

- When can an individual with symptoms who is not a probable case return to child care?
- A test result is not required to return to child care.
- May return to child care when:
 - 24 hours fever free (without use of fever medication) and
 - Symptoms improved (back to usual health)
- Parent/guardian may attest (staff may self-attest) that return to child care criteria have been met.
- A note from a healthcare provider is not required.