**COVID-19 Child Care Guidance When a Child Is Feeling Sick or Tests Positive**

### Case 1

#### Day 0
- Child feels sick or has a fever.

#### Day 1-5
- **Immediately Isolate**
  - Send home or stay home.
  - Child gets COVID-19 test.**
  - If **NEGATIVE**, can return when:
    1. Feeling better AND
    2. Fever has been gone at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

#### Day 5
- Child stays home

#### Day 6-10
- If tested, test is negative.
- Child may return when:
  1. Feeling better AND
  2. Fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
  3. If 2 years or older should wear a mask except during naps and mealtimes.

#### Day 11+
- **Do Not Test**
  - Child without fever may return.

### Case 2

#### Day 0
- Child is POSITIVE for COVID-19*
  - If child feels sick at any time, Day 0 is the first sick day.
  - If never sick, Day 0 is the day child was swabbed.

#### Day 1-5
- Child stays home

#### Day 5
- Testing recommended for 2 years of age and older
- Under 2 years of age: testing not required.

#### Day 6-10
- Child may return when:
  1. Feeling better AND
  2. Fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.
  3. If tested, test is negative.
- If 2 years or older should wear a mask except during naps and mealtimes.

#### Day 11+
- **Do Not Test**
  - Child without fever may return.

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*If child tests POSITIVE without symptoms, then feels sick later, Day 0 is now the day they started feeling sick.
Restart #2 at Day 0.

**If sick child is not tested and there is not another diagnosis from a healthcare provider, child should stay home for 5 days.*