

KEEP ME HOME IF...

I have any COVID-19 symptoms

Per national health and safety standards for early learning settings, a person with **one or more of the following COVID-19 symptoms** should not attend child care, even if symptoms are mild. **They need to stay home and should get tested for COVID-19**.

- fever (a temperature of 100.4°F or higher)
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- chills
- muscle pain
- headache
- runny or stuffy nose
- sore throat

- diarrhea
- vomiting
- new loss of taste or smell
- other signs of new illness unrelated to a preexisting diagnosed condition (such as seasonal allergies)

Illness Exclusion Requirements in Child Care and Early Learning Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 symptoms listed above, licensed child care and early learning programs are required to send children and staff home when they become ill and/or have any of the **symptoms below** (see Washington Administrative Code 110-300-0205 for the full list of exclusion criteria). Programs may choose to have illness exclusion policies that are more cautious than WAC requirements (for example, a program can require that a child be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning).

I have a fever*



* Child must be fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning to care.

I have diarrhea



I'm just not feeling very well



I'm vomiting



I have a rash, sores, lice, ringworm, or scabies





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A child can return to the program after they meet the conditions of their program's existing illness exclusion policy.