



COVID-19 Daycare

2021-2022 Guidance

Summit County Public Health would like to review the current COVID-19 quarantine guidance.

Daycares, Preschools and Before/After School Programs are not included in the Ohio Department of Health K-12 classroom guidance. Contacts to COVID-19 that need to quarantine in Daycares, Preschools and Before/After School Programs should be determined based on the following guidance:

Guidance for Determining Contacts to COVID-19

All four criteria for “Social Distancing, Length of Time, Exposure and Vaccination Status” need to be met to be considered a close contact that needs to be quarantined.

Social Distancing	Less than 6 feet
Length of Time	At least 15 minutes over a 24 hour period (Example: three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes)
Exposure	<p>If you were exposed to an individual that tested positive for COVID-19 during their infectious period. The infectious period is considered 48 hours prior to their symptoms starting (or 48 hours prior to the positive test, if no symptoms) through the isolation period (10 days).</p> <p>If you provided direct care to someone who is sick with COVID-19.</p> <p>If you had direct physical contact with the person (touched, hugged, or kissed them).</p> <p>If you shared eating or drinking utensils.</p> <p>If the positive individual sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you</p>
Vaccination Status	<p>Unknown or Not Fully Vaccinated (People are considered fully vaccinated: 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine)</p>

EXCEPTIONS	
Fully Vaccinated	No Quarantine, get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
Previous COVID- 19 illness within the previous 3 months and has recovered and remains without COVID- 19 symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath)	No Quarantine

Due to the difficulty of younger children socially distancing and wearing masks, many Daycares find it beneficial to form small cohorts of students that spend their time together to minimize quarantines throughout the center. If there is a positive case, just the small cohorted groups would need to quarantine.

The Daycare is responsible for reporting a positive case to Summit County Public Health through the following link: [School/Daycare Facility Positive](#). The Daycare will then receive an automated email back where they can submit the names of the close contacts that need to quarantine. The Daycare only needs to submit the names of those individuals who need to quarantine. The Daycare needs to determine who is a contact based on the definition of a close contact on the above chart. Once a contact is reported, Summit County Public Health will reach out to the contact/parent/guardian to discuss quarantine guidelines. Summit County Public Health will always advise contacts to use the best guidance which is quarantine for 14 days. We will also advise the contacts to check with the Daycare to see if they are adopting the reduced quarantine guidelines.

If a Daycare chooses, they can use the reduced quarantine allowed by ODH. If the reduced quarantine guidelines are adopted by the Daycare, they are responsible for verifying any tests for the contacts to return to the Daycare. Reduced quarantine does [increase](#) the potential risk of disease spread. See link for guidance [Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

Summit County Public Health can be reached through email at communicabledisease@schd.org to answer questions and provide guidance.

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