

COVID-19 Child Return to Care Guidance for Navy Child and Youth Programs, Effective August 2022

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[COVID-19 Guidance for Operating Early Care and Education/Child Care Programs \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html)

DEFINITIONS	
Symptomatic	Presenting one or more common symptoms of COVID-19
Asymptomatic	Displaying no symptoms of COVID-19
Fully Vaccinated	More than 2 weeks has passed since the final dose of the vaccine in the primary series was administered (2 doses for Moderna and Pfizer BioNTech’s Cominarty; 1 dose of Johnson & Johnson).
Up to Date or Boosted	Someone who has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. Current information on booster recommendations is available at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html .
Close Contact	Someone who was within 6 feet of a person who has contracted COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period. This does NOT include a contact of a close contact (e.g., a sibling of a child identified as a close contact).
Face Covering	All children two and up and all adults entering the program must follow current installation guidance on the use of face coverings, excluding the exceptions listed below.
SYMPTOMATIC ONLY	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sent home/excluded with recommendation to seek a COVID-19 viral test and isolate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If no COVID-19 viral test and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the child can wear a face covering, child may return after 5 days. A face covering must be worn for additional 5 days while in the program. ▪ If the child cannot wear a face covering, child may return 10 days from onset of symptoms. ○ If negative COVID-19 viral test, the child can return when fever free without fever reducing medications for more than 24 hours. Self-report of a negative test is required for re-entry. 	
POSITIVE COVID RESULT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, if positive viral test for COVID-19, must remain out for 5 days from the first date of symptoms or, for children who do not have symptoms, the specimen collection date of the positive COVID test. May return on day 6 if no symptoms or when fever-free without the use of fever reducing medications for 24 hours and any remaining symptoms are resolving. A face covering must be worn for additional 5 days while in the program. ➤ In the event the child cannot wear a face covering, may return 10 days from the first date of symptoms, or for children who do not have symptoms, the specimen collection date of the positive COVID test. 	
CLOSE CONTACT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Asymptomatic children who are identified as a close contact are not required to quarantine if they are able to wear a face covering for 10 days following the exposure. Recommend COVID-19 viral testing for these children at 5 days after the exposure. ➤ Mask are not recommended for children under ages 2 years and younger, or for people with disabilities that prevent the wearing of masks. Other prevention actions (such as improving ventilation, etc.) should be used to avoid transmission during these 10 days. In these circumstances, CYPs should coordinate with their installation PHEO on appropriate preventive measures.** 	

** Installation Commanding Officers (ICOs) may deviate from this policy; however, when determining local quarantine policies, ICOs (in consultation with their servicing Office of General Counsel and local CYP) should consider multiple factors (e.g., the impact of the loss of access to education and care on the well-being of children and families, the level of community transmission of COVID-19, presence of other people who are at high risk for severe illness, and the ability to use additional prevention strategies). Any deviations should be reported to CNIC CYP.