

COVID-19 Screening Guidance for Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Providers

This is a screening tool that a child care program **MAY** choose to use when a child arrives for child care (drop-off) or to assess for illness throughout the day.

Important Reminders

The screener should:

- **Wash hands** before and after screening a child and wear gloves.
- Greet the family and take the child's temperature.
- Inquire about any new onset of cough, shortness of breath or changes in ongoing cough.
- **REPEAT** temperature check as needed to re-assess children who develop any symptoms throughout the day.

Screening Questions

Ask if the child has **ANY** of the following symptoms:

TEMPERATURE/FEVER of 100.4° F or above

YES / NO

COUGH

YES / NO

SHORTNESS of BREATH

YES / NO

If **ALL the ABOVE are NO**, the child can now enter the program space. The child must proceed to wash their hands before having any contact with other children or other staff/instructors. Younger children may need additional support from staff to help with good handwashing technique.

If **ANY of the ABOVE are YES**, the child **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED** to enter the child care building and will be asked to return home with parent or caregiver. If the child becomes sick during the day, find a space away from other children and staff to wait for parents or guardians to pick up from care. Any children being sent home should be encouraged to contact their health care provider for further guidance.

For more information

- [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html)
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- COVID-19 Hotline (for schools and child care) at 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504