

# What if... A Childcare Administrator's Guide

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## What will happen if ...

A child or staff member is named as a close contact? (A close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset.)

A DOH representative will contact all persons identified as close contacts (or the guardian if the contact is a minor.)

The close contact will be asked to quarantine for 14 days. This means to stay home, avoid contact with others, and not to share household items. Contacts will also be asked to monitor symptoms and temperature daily.

A child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.

A DOH representative will contact the positive patient (or the patient's guardian if the patient is a minor.)

The positive COVID patient:

- Will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days
- When possible the patient will be asked to use a separate bedroom, bathroom from others in the household
- Must be fever free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours prior to release from isolation

What if someone in my building tests positive for COVID-19?

Deep clean and disinfect appropriate areas.

Ensure individual does not return until self-isolation is complete.

Communicate general message to families while maintaining privacy.

What if there are multiple positives in my childcare building?

Understand the level of virus spread within your childcare building.

Assess relevant facts to determine appropriate steps:

- Degree of potential exposure within building
- Number of cases in surrounding community
- Ages of children impacted
- Ability to staff building

Consider options such as staggered schedules, blended learning, etc.

Engage state's Childcare Response Team.