

# DAYCARE NEWS

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## Identifying and Reporting Potential COVID-19 Outbreaks

The priority for COVID reporting to the KCHD has changed from individual cases to potential outbreaks. An outbreak at a daycare/ECE facility is defined as:

- Two or more individuals who are laboratory positive for COVID-19 by antigen or PCR testing

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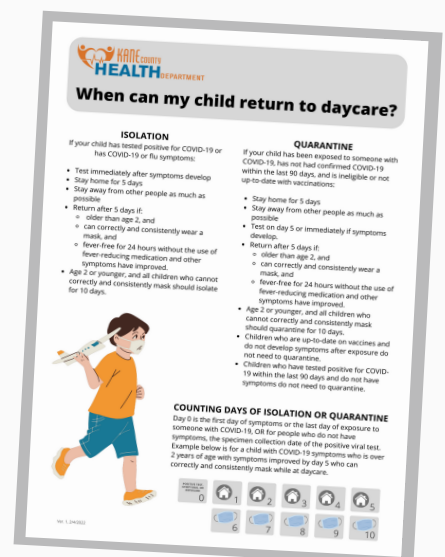
- Are epidemiologically linked to the outbreak setting,
- Have onsets of illness or positive COVID-19 test (if asymptomatic) within a 14- day period,
- Do not share a household,
- Are not listed as a close contact of each other outside of the outbreak setting

Potential outbreaks must be reported to KCHD. To report, go to: [redcap.link/kaneschoolreport](https://redcap.link/kaneschoolreport)

Once you select your building type, you can indicate if you are reporting an outbreak for us to review. If you select “Yes,” a line list spreadsheet is made available where you can record cases and return to us for review. For more information, download our [Outbreak Toolkit for Daycares and Early Care Education Centers](#).

## Parent Information for Returning to Daycare After Isolation or Quarantine

The KCHD has developed a flyer that can be distributed to parents to help them understand when their child can return to daycare after a COVID-19 isolation or quarantine. Download “When Can My Child Return to Daycare” in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).



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## Norovirus Outbreaks in Daycares

Noroviruses are a group of related viruses that affect the intestinal tract causing gastroenteritis illness. Noroviruses are common in the daycare setting where they can spread quickly.

Many of the noroviruses cause similar symptoms that usually occur between 24 hours and 48 hours after exposure. They include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, body aches, headache, tiredness and low-grade fever. Symptoms typically last 24 hours to 60 hours and subside on their own.

Tips for avoiding norovirus:

- Frequently wash hands, especially after toileting, changing diapers, and before eating or preparing food.
- Thoroughly clean and disinfect contaminated surfaces immediately using a bleach-based cleaner. Or use one part bleach to nine parts water (1:10 dilution).
- Increase the frequency of cleaning high touch surfaces such as door knobs and toys.
- Do not work as a food handler while you are ill with diarrhea or vomiting.



For more information on norovirus, visit:

[www.idph.state.il.us/public/hb/hbnorovirus.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/hb/hbnorovirus.htm)

## Masking in Daycares Remains Important Mitigation Layer

While many daycare facilities have made masking optional, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, DCFS still recommends that staff or students older than 2 who opt to return to school following isolation or quarantine must mask on days 6-10 if they can correctly and consistently do so. Otherwise, they should isolate or quarantine the full 10 days. Children under age 2 should isolate or quarantine for the full 10 days. For more information, see the [DCFS Daycare Guidance](#).

## Kane County Health Department Office Resources for Daycares

If you have questions about the guidelines for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases in your daycare, reporting cases and more, please visit:

[Kane County Health Department Covid-19 Information for Schools and Daycares](#)

Or email: [school@co.kane.il.us](mailto:school@co.kane.il.us)