Health Guidelines for Re-Opening Child Care Operations

This is a living document intended to serve as a quick resource to guidance set forth in the [Public Health Order](http://summitcountyco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/28134/Amended-public-health-order?bidId=) and through The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment’s [Safer at Home guidelines for child care centers.](https://covid19.colorado.gov/safer-at-home/safer-at-home-child-care-facilities#_blank) Additionally, Healthy Child Care Colorado has developed a [document](https://drive.google.com/file/d/14mB0ekPZ48gtsTesh5kXDXcxgdzES_XE/view) that serves as a roadmap for operations for Early Childhood Educators. Please visit these websites for up-to-date information, as best practices may evolve as we continue to learn more about COVID.

In addition to recommendations noted above:

Summit County Business Physical Distancing Protocol completed, posted, and shared with employees. ([SC Business Physical Distancing Protocol](http://www.summitcountyco.gov/DocumentCenter/View/28186/Business-Physical-Distancing-Protocol-Form-))

Illness/Exclusion Policy

All employees and families have been told not to come to the center if sick (including any of the following: headache, sore throat, fever (>100.4°F), dry cough, recent inability to taste and smell, shortness of breath, ear aches, body aches, diarrhea, fatigue, vomiting, and abdominal pain). If an individual does have any of these symptoms, employer will ask the employee to get tested for COVID-19 infection (or if a child is ill, request that family discusses testing with pediatrician).

If the test results:

1. Are positive, the individual will be excluded from working for 10 days after symptom onset OR 72 hours after fever ends (without fever reducing medicines) and other symptoms are improving, whichever of these is longer.

2. If the test results are negative, the individual will be excluded from working until 72 hours after fever ends (without fever reducing medicines) and other symptoms are improving.

3. If testing is not completed, the individual will be excluded from working for 10 days after symptoms onset OR 72 hours after fever ends (without fever reducing medicines) and other symptoms are improving, whichever of these is longer.

Self-Isolation vs. Self-Quarantine – Isolation is for those who are sick (see above). Quarantine is for those who are not sick, but are close contacts of those with positive COVID test results or close contacts of those with COVID-like symptoms, in which case the exclusion is for 14 days.

Employers do not need and should not require negative test results or a medical release for anyone that has completed Self-Isolation or Quarantine requirements as applicable. (see above)

Closure of center (or room – situation dependent) for 24 hours if there is a ***positive*** or ***probable\**** case that has been in the building. Work with Public & Environmental health to coordinate reopening.

Notify Public & Environmental Health for:

Persons sent for testing

Persons who are tested Positive or are COVID-Probable

Quarantined individuals

Contact:

Public Health: [amanda.merriman@summitcountyco.gov](mailto:amanda.merriman@summitcountyco.gov)

Environmental Health: [maya.kulick@summitcountyco.gov](mailto:maya.kulick@summitcountyco.gov) (all centers except Little Red)

[Seth.danner@summitcountyco.gov](mailto:Seth.danner@summitcountyco.gov)

Definitions:

COVID positive –

COVID probable – close contact of positive case that is also having symptoms

Isolation – for those who are ill

Quarantine – for those who are not symptomatic, but are close contacts of confirmed or probable