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 <p><b>...my child has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Child shouldn't attend childcare</li> <li>● Child should get a test</li> <li>● Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>● Inform childcare immediately about test results</li> </ul>	<p><b>... when child's test comes back negative</b></p>
 <p><b>...my child tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Child shouldn't attend childcare</li> <li>● Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms)</li> <li>● Inform childcare immediately about test results</li> <li>● Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p><b>... after 10 days and when child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours</b></p> <p>They can return to childcare <b>after 10 days</b> even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.</p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has COVID-19 (coronavirus) symptoms*</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Child shouldn't attend childcare</li> <li>● Household member with symptoms should get a test</li> <li>● Whole household self-isolates while waiting for test result</li> <li>● Inform childcare immediately about test results</li> <li>● Anyone with symptoms in the household should get tested</li> </ul>	<p><b>... when household member test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms*</b></p>
 <p><b>...somebody in my household has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Child shouldn't attend childcare</li> <li>● Whole household self-isolates for 14 days from day when symptoms* started (or from day of test if no symptoms) – even if someone tests negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p><b>... when child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 14 days</b></p>

\* Symptoms include at least one of a high temperature; a new continuous cough; a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste. See more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

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 <p><b>...NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms* or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Child shouldn't attend childcare</li> <li>● Child self-isolates for 14 days (as advised by NHS Test and Trace) – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> <li>● Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too</li> </ul>	<p><b>... when the child has completed 14 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>...we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel</li> <li>● Provide information to childcare as per attendance policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Child shouldn't attend childcare</li> <li>● Whole household self-isolates for 14 days – even if they test negative during those 14 days</li> </ul>	<p><b>... when the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed for the child, even if they test negative during those 14 days</b></p>
 <p><b>... we have received advice from a medical/official source that my child must resume shielding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Child shouldn't attend childcare</li> <li>● Contact childcare</li> <li>● Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again</li> </ul>	<p><b>... when childcare/other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to childcare again</b></p>
 <p><b>.... I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19 (coronavirus)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Only people with symptoms* need to get a test</li> <li>● People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive</li> </ul>	<p><b>... when conditions above, as matching your situation, are met</b></p>

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