

Austin Public Health Guidance for Child Care & Summer Camp Programs

Child or staff member has COVID-like symptoms, confirmed case of COVID-19, or potential exposure

Isolate

individual with symptoms;
provide adult supervision to children;

Arrange Transportation

for person to home or healthcare facility depending on severity of symptoms.

Identify

everyone who had close contact (example- teachers and children in the same class/group) with that person. Keep that group of people from mixing with others.

Notify

staff and families of children who were in close contact with symptomatic person.

Clean

As soon as possible, close off areas used by a sick person and do not use before cleaning and disinfection. Wait 24 hours or as long as possible before cleaning and disinfecting those areas following [CDC recommendations](#).

Notify Austin Public Health

Call APH Nurse Line at 512-972-5560:

- To report suspected or potential cases of COVID-19
- To report positive cases of COVID-19 among children or staff

Follow APH guidance on next steps

APH staff will provide situation-specific guidance. If there are one or more positive COVID-19 cases in the program, APH will most likely advise an initial closure of the program of 2 to 5 days, and possibly longer, depending on specific circumstances. APH will advise on steps to take before reopening.

Advise

Advise that symptomatic person:

- Self-quarantine and follow guidance on page 2 or from Austin Public Health staff on when it is safe to return to child care or camp,
- Self-monitor (adults) or be monitored (children) for the development of symptoms, and
- Register for a free COVID-19 test through Austin Public Health at www.austintexas.gov/covid19

When can a child or staff person return to child care or summer camp?

