

## Health Screening Questions for Newly Enrolling Children

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Austin Public Health recommends that this document be completed for each child being newly enrolled in care with a licensed, registered, or listed child care program located in the City of Austin and/or in Travis County to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

1. Does the child you are enrolling currently have any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, your child may not begin care in this child care program until all three conditions have been met:

- at least 24 hours have passed since recovery (e.g., resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); AND
- the individual has improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); AND
- at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

2. During the last 14 days, has the child been in close contact\* with someone who:

- Has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19; or
- Is under investigation for COVID-19; or
- Is ill with a respiratory illness?

- Yes  
 No

If yes, the child should not begin care in the program until they have completed a full quarantine period beginning from the last date of exposure to the individual with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. The length of quarantine should be 14 days, unless the child meets the criteria for a shorter quarantine period in the [Austin Public Health flowchart on How Long to Quarantine](#). If the child becomes symptomatic, the child should not begin care until criteria listed above under #1 are met.

By signing and dating below, I verify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* For COVID-19, a [close contact](#) is defined as someone who has been within [6 feet of an infected person](#) (laboratory-confirmed or a [clinically compatible illness](#)) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (*for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes in one day*). An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date), until they meet criteria for [discontinuing home isolation](#).