



# Early Head Start- Child Care Partnership



**Strengthening Alabama's Children, Families, and Communities**

## COVID-19 Protocol

Level	Description	Protocol
Level A	<p>A staff or child in the classroom has tested positive for COVID-19</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit the COVID-19 Reporting Form to DHR within 1 hour of receiving notice of the positive result.</li> <li>2. Inform parents and staff of exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the classroom.</li> <li>3. Close the classroom and send children and staff home.</li> <li>4. Follow guidance from the CDC titled, "Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Building or Facility If Someone is Sick" at this link: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fdisinfecting-building-facility.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fdisinfecting-building-facility.html</a></li> <li>5. The classroom should remain closed for 14 calendar days. Staff and children from the classroom should self-quarantine and monitor for development of symptoms.</li> <li>6. The staff or child who was positive for COVID-19 should have a negative test result before returning to the EHS-CCP classroom.</li> </ol>
Level B	<p>A staff or child in the classroom has been exposed* to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19</p> <p><i>*Exposed means close proximity (within 6 feet) for a duration of more than 15 minutes</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit the COVID-19 Reporting Form to DHR within 24 hours of receiving notice of exposure.</li> <li>2. The staff or child will self-quarantine for 14 calendar days and monitor for development of symptoms. The staff or child may return to the classroom prior than 14 calendar days if they receive a negative test result after being exposed.</li> <li>3. The classroom should not close and parents of other children in the classroom do not need to be notified.</li> </ol>
Level C	<p>A staff or child in the classroom has been exposed* to someone else who has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19</p> <p><i>*Exposed means close proximity (within 6 feet) for a duration of more than 15 minutes</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit the COVID-19 Reporting Form to DHR within 24 hours of receiving notice of exposure.</li> <li>2. The staff or parent will monitor for the development of COVID-19 symptoms. The staff or child may continue to be present in the classroom.</li> <li>3. In the event the staff or child develop symptoms, they should immediately be isolated and follow the protocol for Level D.</li> <li>4. The classroom should not close and parents of other children in the classroom do not need to be notified.</li> </ol>

Level D	<p>A staff or child in the classroom has displayed any symptoms of the coronavirus but has not been tested or the test results have not been returned. Symptoms include: a fever of 100.4 degrees or above, 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 diarrhea.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit the COVID-19 Reporting Form to DHR within 24 hours of receiving notice of recognition of symptoms.</li> <li>2. The staff or child will self-quarantine for 14 calendar days and will be strongly encouraged to get tested for COVID-19. The staff or child may return to the classroom prior than 14 calendar days if they receive a negative test result.</li> <li>3. The classroom should not close and parents of other children in the classroom do not need to be notified.</li> </ol>
Level E	<p>A staff refuses to attend work or a parent refuses to bring their child to care based on coronavirus fears.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Submit the COVID-19 Reporting Form to DHR within 24 hours of receiving notice.</li> <li>2. Have qualified substitutes available to cover staff to child ratios.</li> <li>3. Continue to make weekly contact with parents and provide services remotely to the greatest extent possible. Ensure parents understand their child needs to return to care by August 10, 2020.</li> </ol>