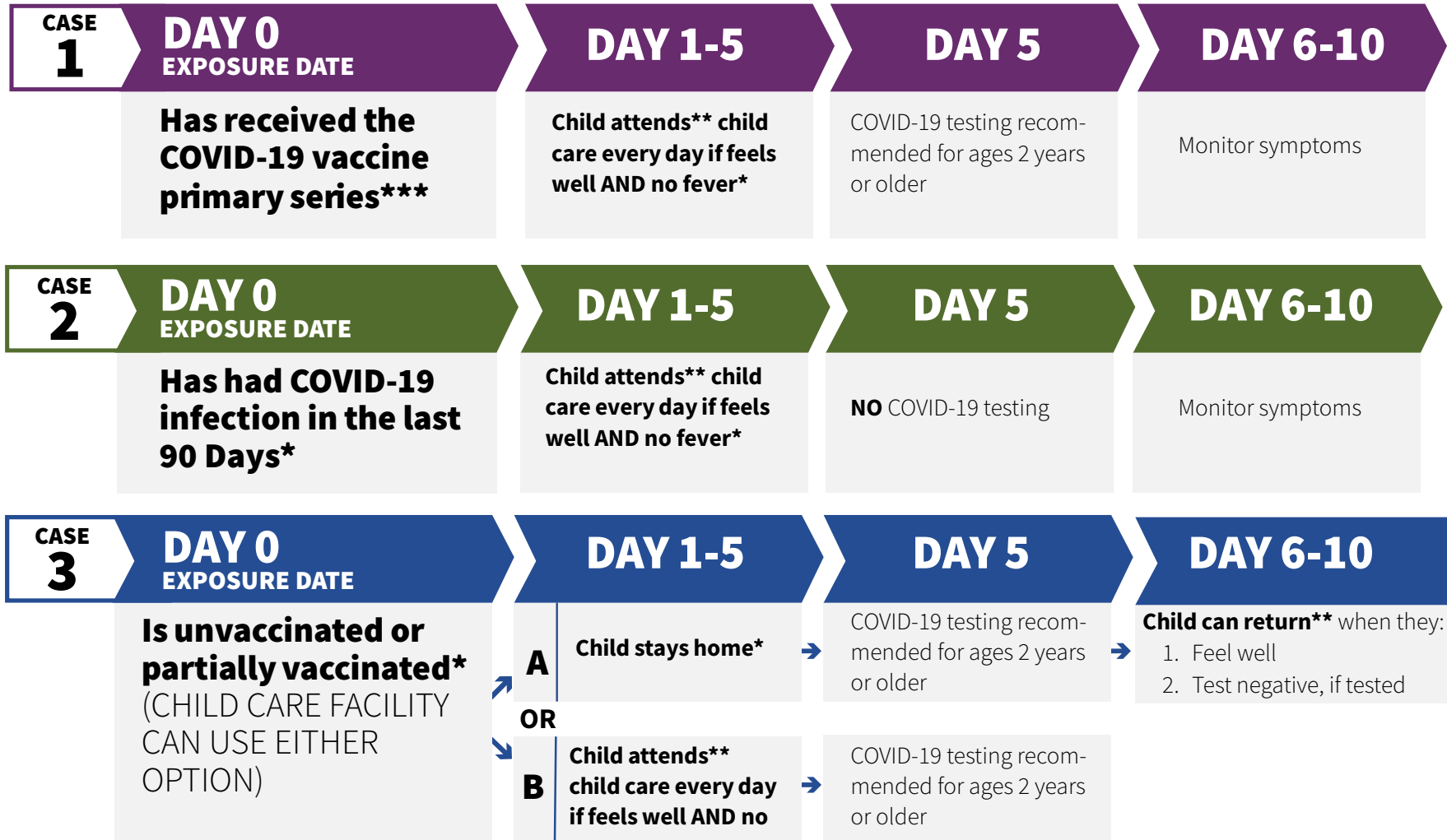


# COVID-19 EXPOSURES FOR CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE



**Exposure** for a single person is when they have spent at least 15 minutes in a 24-hour period, indoors within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19.  
**Exposure** for a group is when they have spent at least 15 minutes in a 24-hour period in the same indoor area with a person with COVID-19.  
**Exposure window:** Someone who gets sick with OR test positive for COVID-19 can start infecting others 2 days BEFORE feeling sick or testing positive; this is considered exposure time.



\*If ANY child FEELS SICK, has a FEVER, or has a POSITIVE TEST at any time, follow the guidance for children who feel sick or test positive.


\*\*Children aged 2 years or older, if not at home, should wear WELL-FITTED MASKS indoors for 10 days after exposure, other than naps/meals.


\*\*\*CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html)



# COVID-19 CHILD CARE GUIDANCE WHEN A CHILD IS FEELING SICK OR TESTS POSITIVE



CASE 1	DAY 0	DAY 1-5	DAY 5	DAY 6-10	DAY 11+
	<p><b>Child feels sick or has fever.</b></p> 	<p><b>IMMEDIATELY ISOLATE</b>  <b>Send home or stay home.</b>                      Child gets COVID-19 test.**                      If <b>NEGATIVE</b>, can return when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feeling better AND</li> <li>2. Fever has been gone at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication.</li> </ol>			

CASE 2	DAY 0	DAY 1-5	DAY 5	DAY 6-10	DAY 11+
	<p><b>Child is POSITIVE for COVID-19*</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If child feels sick at any time, Day 0 is first sick day.</li> <li>• If never sick, Day 0 is the day child was swabbed.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Child stays home</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Testing recommended for 2 years of age and older</li> <li>• Under 2 years of age: testing not required.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Child may return</b> when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Feeling better AND</li> <li>2. Fever has been gone for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine.</li> <li>3. If tested, test is negative.</li> </ol> <p>If 2 years or older should wear a mask except during naps and mealtimes.</p>	<p><b>DO NOT TEST</b>                      Child without fever may return.</p>

***\*If child tests POSITIVE without symptoms, then feels sick later, Day 0 is now the day they started feeling sick. Restart #2 at Day 0.***

***\*\*If sick child is not tested and there is not another diagnosis from a healthcare provider, child should stay home for 5 days.***

