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Quarantine Policy

If a child is in contact with someone with COVID-19, whether at the facility or outside the child will be required to quarantine for 14 days.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as alignment from Pennsylvania Department of Health have announced guidance that provides an option for a 10-day quarantine without testing or a seven-day quarantine with a negative test on or after day-five of quarantine.

If a parent/child is choosing to request a shortening of quarantine period the parent/guardian of the child must request these specific parameters from the DOH in which quarantine can be shortened. Before approval will be given by the director, parent/guardian must provide documentation from both the Department of Health as well as the child's physician which states they are able to return to care, the date they may return to care and any results of testing that was completed to support shortening of a 14-day recommended quarantine time.

The Department of Health, Child's Primary Care Physician, Parent/Guardian and the Director of Start Smart Learning Center can **COLLABORATIVELY** opt to shorten quarantine periods as described above **as long as continued symptom monitoring for the full 14 days and other non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., masking, physical distancing) are strictly adhered to.** If a child has not previously demonstrated proper masking techniques and the ability to physical distance, the shortened quarantine should not be approved. No shortened quarantine will be approved for a child under three years of age.

Start Smart Learning Center will not mandate testing in any scenario unless the parent/guardian is requesting to shorten 14-day quarantine. Start Smart Learning Center administration has the final determination as to when a child may return if they are exposed to COVID-19.