

Precisions on exclusion and reintegration criteria in daycare centers

- **Exclusion criteria** : any one of the following symptoms (group A or B)

Group A	Group B
Cough (new or exacerbation of a chronic cough)	Sore throat
Fever (38.5 or more rectal, 37.5 or more axillary)	Intense fatigue
Difficulty breathing (shortness of breath)	Important loss of appetite
Loss of smell	Generalized muscular pain
	Vomiting
	Diarrhea

- **Testing criteria** : ONE of group A symptoms or TWO of group B symptoms
- **Reintegration criteria in the daycare center** :
 - If presence of a group B symptom : can return after a period of 24 hours with no symptoms (except if the person has done a test which turned out positive)
 - If presence of a group A symptom (cough, fever, loss of smell, difficulty breathing) :
 - *If the test is positive* : isolation for 14 days from the beginning of symptoms; can then return if has been without fever for 48 hours and with no other symptoms for 24 hours
 - *If the test is negative* : can return after a period of 24 hours with no symptoms
 - *If the test has not been done* : isolation for 14 days from the beginning of symptoms; can then return if has been without fever for 48 hours and with no other symptoms for 24 hours,
 - UNLESS a medical evaluation has come to a different diagnosis which could explain the symptom(s) and then, can return after a period of 24 hours with no symptoms on presentation of a note from the doctor attesting to that.

Important note on residual cough

- In the context of the COVID pandemic, cough is considered one of the most frequent symptoms and must be considered very carefully : that is why it entails a test recommendation and a prolonged exclusion in the absence of a test.
- That said, it happens not so unfrequently that a cough secondary to a viral infection can persist for a while even though the person may no longer be contagious.
- Considering this fact, and to not exclude a person from the daycare center any longer than necessary, the direction of the *Cellule des milieux de garde* of the *Direction générale de la santé publique de Montréal* has taken position to the effect that a person
 - who presented with a cough (+/- other symptoms)
 - **AND** had a NEGATIVE test
 - **AND** hasn't had symptoms other than a residual cough for the last 24 hours
 → may then reintegrate the daycare center.

N.B. This information is valid as of July 24th 2020, but could eventually change according to the evolution of the pandemic or the evolution in the recommendations from public health officials.