

## **DECISION TREE**

## from age 0 up to final grade primary school



## Should children with a nasal cold be allowed to attend day care / school?

This decision tree has been developed on the basis of the directives of the RIVM (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment). It is a guideline for parents and child care workers (after-school and childminder care) and schools.

On September 18th 2020 the regulations for children from 0 up to and including 6 years of age and for 7 up to and including 12 years of age have been integrated and equalized.

The outcome of the decision tree is not valid for brothers and/or sisters. The decision tree has to be followed separately for each child.

This decision tree is regularly updated on the basis of new or renewed regulations. Please check the most recent version on www.boink.info/coronavirus-kinderopyang.

With the help of this decision tree you will be able NASAL COLD = to determine whether a child that has a cold **START** should or should not be allowed to attend Does the child have a nasal cold mucus in/from the nose child care or primary school (up to any age). and/or does it have a runny nose? (the colour is irrelevant) possibly with sneezing. a light cough and/or Yes ·No throat ache **IMPORTANT NOTICE** Has the child been in (close) Does anyone belonging to the Follow the decision tree contact with someone (inside household of the child suffer from top to bottom. Start or outside the child's from COVID-19 / corona with the first question and household) who suffers from virus, a fever or shortness follow the questions in the COVID-19 (the corona virus)? of breath at the moment? prescribed sequence. Yes Νο Yes HOW LONG SHOULD A CHILD STAY AT HOME? The child Does anyone belonging to the will stay at will stay at household of the child suffer If the child or a home from COVID-19 / corona household member has virus, a fever or shortness child has normal not experienced any of breath at the moment? temperature or shortness of breath, low-grade fever significant coughing or No (37.5-37.9 degrees C i.e. fever for 24 hours, child has normal Yes 99.5 -100.3 degrees F) please follow the temperature or decision tree once more. low-grade fever The child (37.5-37.9 degrees C i.e. 99.5 -100.3 degrees F) Does the child cough will stay at significantly (more frequent home than incidentally)? WHEN IS TESTING RECOMMENDED? No\_ Yes A test is not recommended when the child shows symptoms of a nasal cold (such as a runny nose, sneezing, throat ache, Is this in line with common/ low-grade fever) or symptoms of hay fever or asthma. well-known health may attend complaints, such as A test is also not recommended when the child shows other hay fever or asthma? symptoms that might be in line with COVID-19, such as a fever, shortness of breath, or significant coughing. Yes Νο A test is recommended when the child is severely ill and is showing symptoms that might be in line with COVID-19. Also The child when such symptoms start after someone in the household of

AFTER TESTING

In case of a **positive** test result of the child or a household member please follow the instructions of the GGD (Municipal Health Services).

the child has tested positive for COVID-19. Also when the child

or someone in the household belongs to a risk group.

When the test result is **negative** (no COVID-19 / corona virus) the child can attend child care or school again, even if not all health complaints have disappeared yet.

Should there be any questions or confusion after following the decision tree, we advise you to contact your regular physician or JGZ (Youth Health Care), or a regional infectious disease specialist. Doctors will not issue a medical certificate allowing the child to attend school or child care.

In case of doubt or questions you can also call the national information number coronavirus of the Dutch government (Rijksoverheid):

0800 -1351 (free of charge, 08:00 – 20:00 hours).

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National Institute for Public Health and Environment (Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports)





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