We have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in our facility AND we care for children of essential workers. We are considering staying open. What are our next steps?

During the 14-day symptom watch period:
monitor child and staff health daily for any symptoms

**Children of essential workers** (i.e. healthcare workers and first responders) should stay home if they:
- had close contact with a confirmed or suspected case, and
- can be kept out of child care without disrupting these vital services.

**Children of non-essential workers** should stay home if they:
- had close contact with a confirmed or suspected case.

**Staff** who had close contact with a confirmed or suspected case can:
- remain at home to monitor symptoms* OR
- continue to work as long as they:
  a. remain well and do not have symptoms* AND
  b. agree to wear a face mask or cloth covering at all times during child care.

**Children of essential workers** who cannot be monitored at home full-time may stay in child care. They must remain well and without symptoms*.
- Keep children and staff who had close contact with the suspected or confirmed case in their own classroom. Do not add new, unexposed children or staff.
- Monitor children's health daily for symptoms*.

Advise families: do not send children to other child care facilities while watching for symptoms* or recovering from illness. Provide this COVID-19 Fact Sheet for Families.

Advise staff: do not work at other child care facilities while watching for symptoms* or recovering from illness.

*Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 should isolate immediately and get tested as soon as possible.

For more information, refer to “Checklist for Child Care Administrators: Steps to Take When You Have a Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Case”

A "confirmed case" = a person (with or without symptoms) who received a positive result from a COVID-19 laboratory test.
A “suspected case” = someone who is showing symptoms of COVID-19 and has not yet been tested.