

Family leave in the event of quarantine or isolation of a child

As part of the measures implemented in schools and childcare facilities to combat the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus (COVID-19), a child may have to be placed in quarantine or isolation by order of the Health Directorate.

In these 2 specific cases, and when the parents of the children concerned have to look after their child, one of the parents is entitled to use the leave for family reasons scheme for the duration of the quarantine or isolation period decreed by the Health Directorate.

A parent who needs to take leave for family reasons must inform his/her employer as quickly as possible, either verbally or in writing, and indicate the start and end date of said leave.

Subsequently, the parent must complete the application form for leave for family reasons due to the quarantine or isolation of the child, sign it and send it to the National Health Fund (CNS) and his or her employer, attaching the prescription issued by the Health Directorate or the competent foreign authority.

Leave for family reasons may be split, i.e. it may also be taken in hours or half-days depending on the decision of the Health Directorate or the competent authority.

Both parents cannot take leave for family reasons at the same time (same day/hour).

Days spent in quarantine or isolation by the child are not counted against the legal days of leave for family reasons available per age group.

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