

# COVID-19 Decision Trees for K-12 Schools

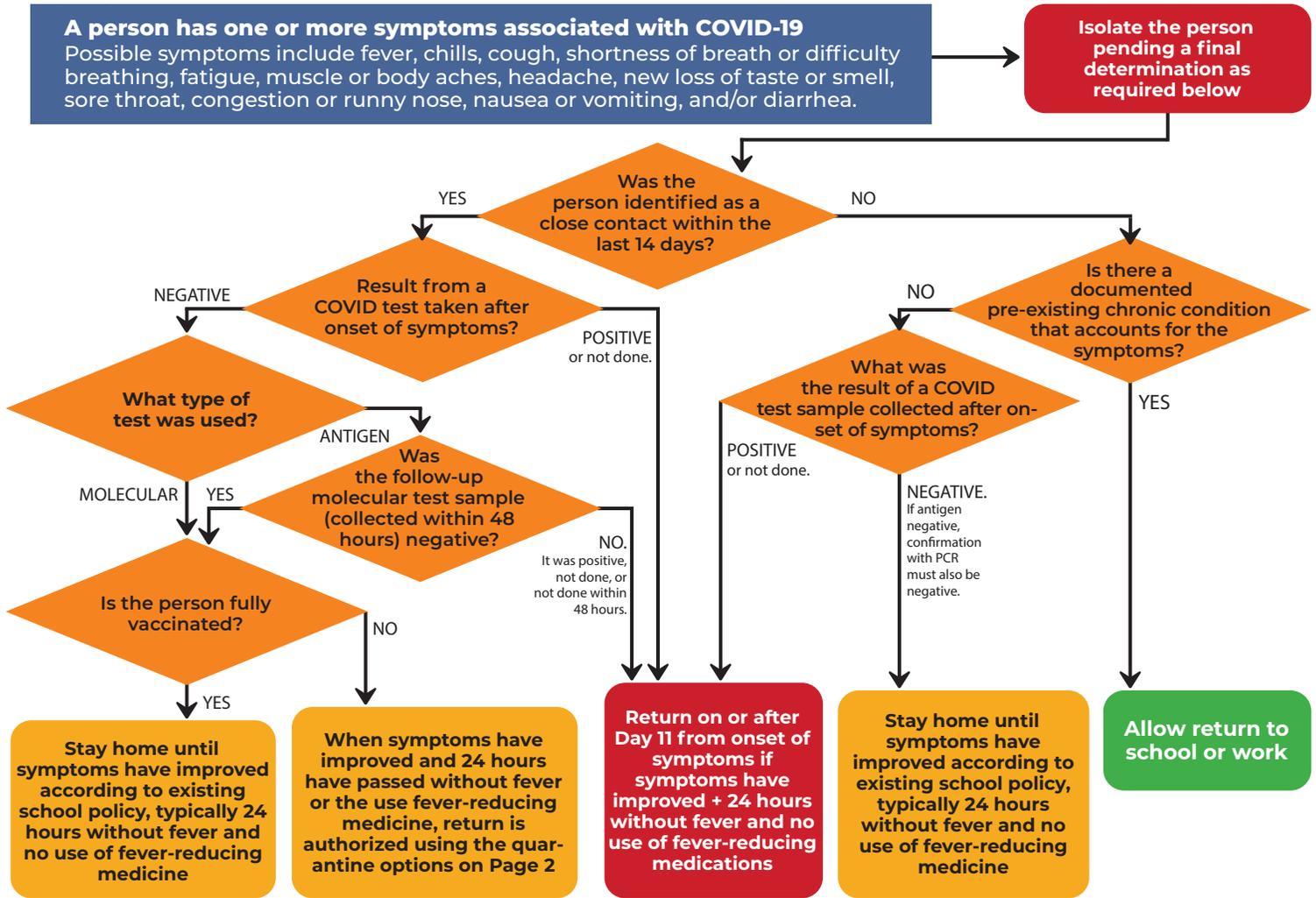
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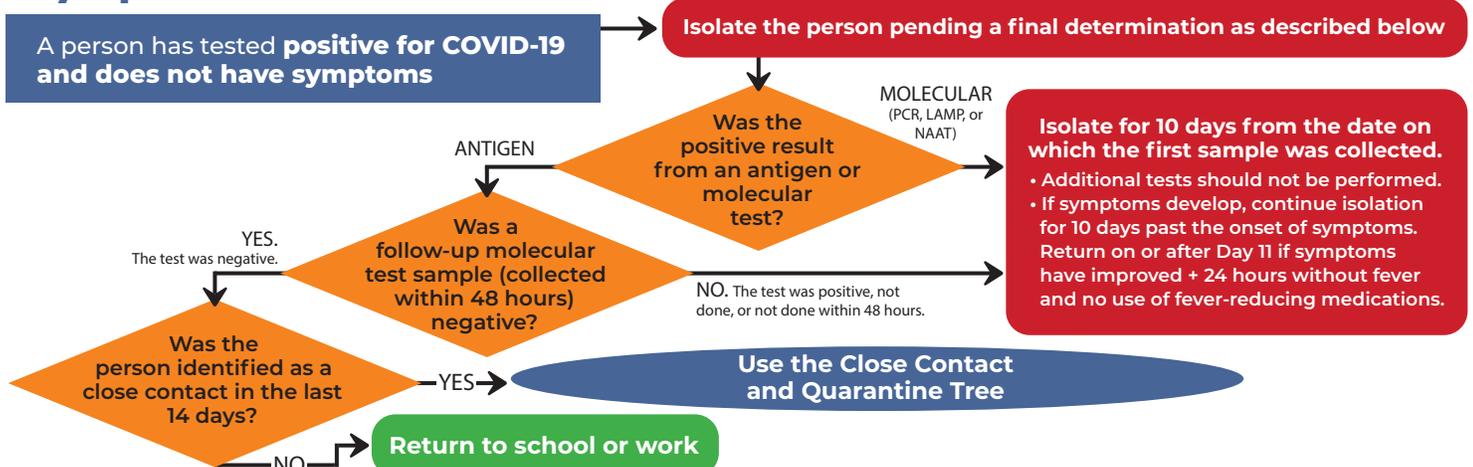
## If the person...

- Has **symptoms**, use the **Symptom and Isolation Tree**
- Has **tested positive** and **does not have symptoms**, use the **Asymptomatic Positive Tree**
- Is identified as a **close contact** and **does not have symptoms**, use the **Close Contact and Quarantine Tree**

## Symptom and Isolation Tree

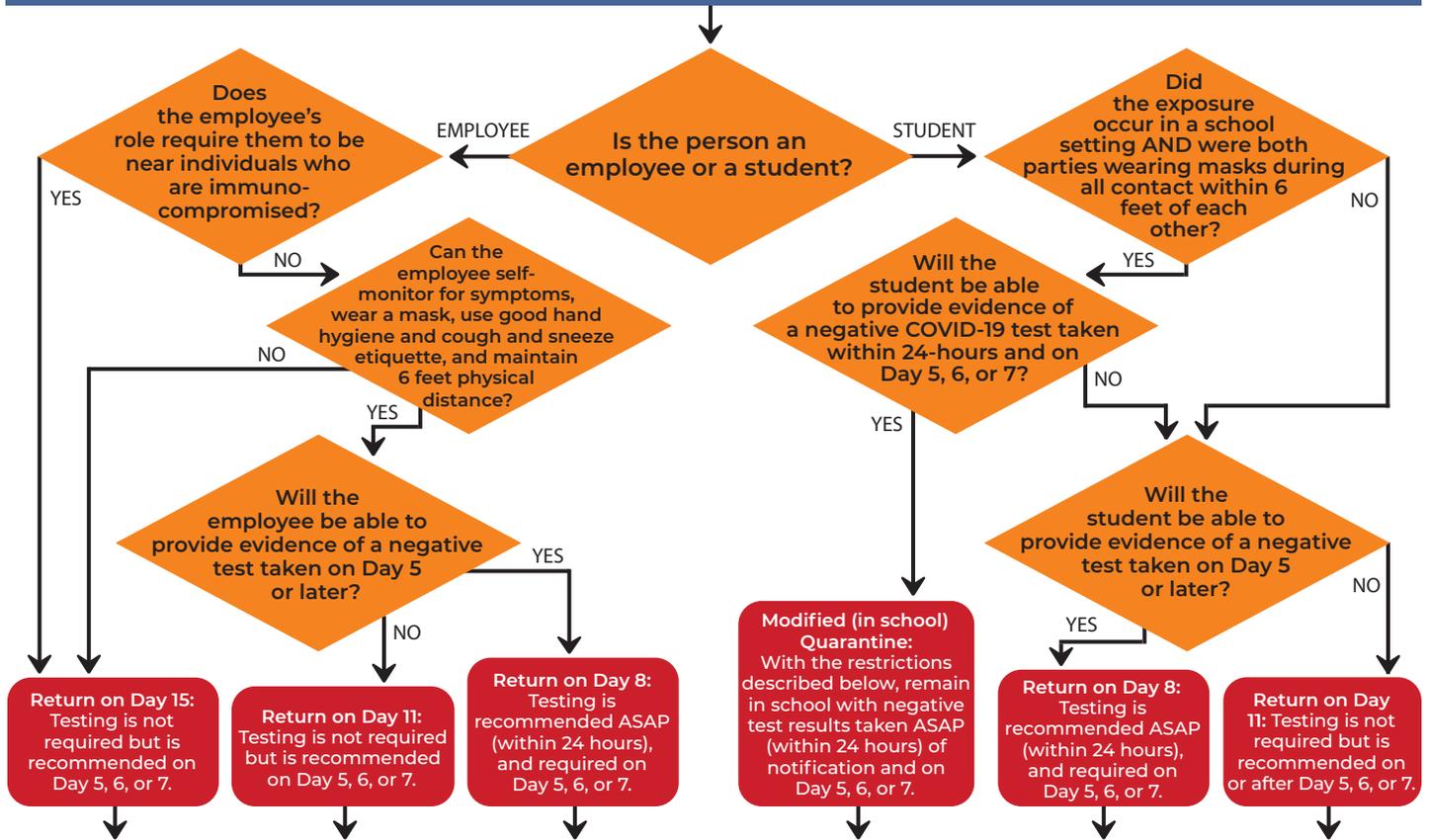


## Asymptomatic Positive Tree



# Close Contact and Quarantine Tree

A person who is not fully vaccinated or is not within 90 days of a lab-confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, has been identified as having been in close contact with a person who is known to have COVID-19



**If the person cannot or will not follow the requirements listed below, quarantine for 14 days (return Day 15) is required.**

## Quarantine Requirements

- **Modified (in-school) Quarantine:** This option may only be used by student close contacts exposed in a setting supervised by school staff, when the COVID-19-positive person and student close contact were both wearing masks during all contacts with each other within 6 feet. To remain in school the student must test within 24 hours of notification, and on day 5, 6, or 7. Rapid result (antigen) testing is recommended. The student may continue to participate in expanded learning or child care programs offered on the school campus, but must quarantine at home from all other before-school, after-school, and weekend activities. Activities may resume on or after Day 8 with evidence of a negative test sample collected on or after Day 5. (See FAQ answer No. 7).
- **Return on Day 8:** It is recommended that the student or employee close contact test ASAP. Return on Day 8 is authorized with evidence that a diagnostic specimen collected on or after Day 5 is negative.
- **Return on Day 11:** Allows a student or employee to return on Day 11. Testing is recommended on Day 5, 6, or 7, but not required.
- **If symptoms develop or a positive test result occurs** during quarantine, require isolation at home and consult the Symptom and Isolation or Asymptomatic Positive tree.

## Additional Requirements for Return Before Day 15

- Students and employees must agree to self-monitor for symptoms, wear a face covering over their nose and mouth as required, use good hand hygiene practices, and use good cough and sneeze etiquette.
- Employees must also maintain physical distancing of 6 feet at all times. If these requirements cannot or will not be met, 14-day quarantine is required.
- Accommodations (like changes in the close contact's work, room, seat, or bus assignments) should be made to ensure that close contacts returning before Day 15 will not be near others who are immunocompromised (i.e. solid organ or bone marrow transplant, chemotherapy, similarly reduced ability to fight infections). If these accommodations cannot be made the close contact must quarantine for 14 days.

## Other Notes on Quarantine

- The number of days required for quarantine is counted from the day after the person's last close contact with a person who is contagious with COVID-19. Please see FAQ No. 1 under "isolation" for information on how long people are considered to be contagious.