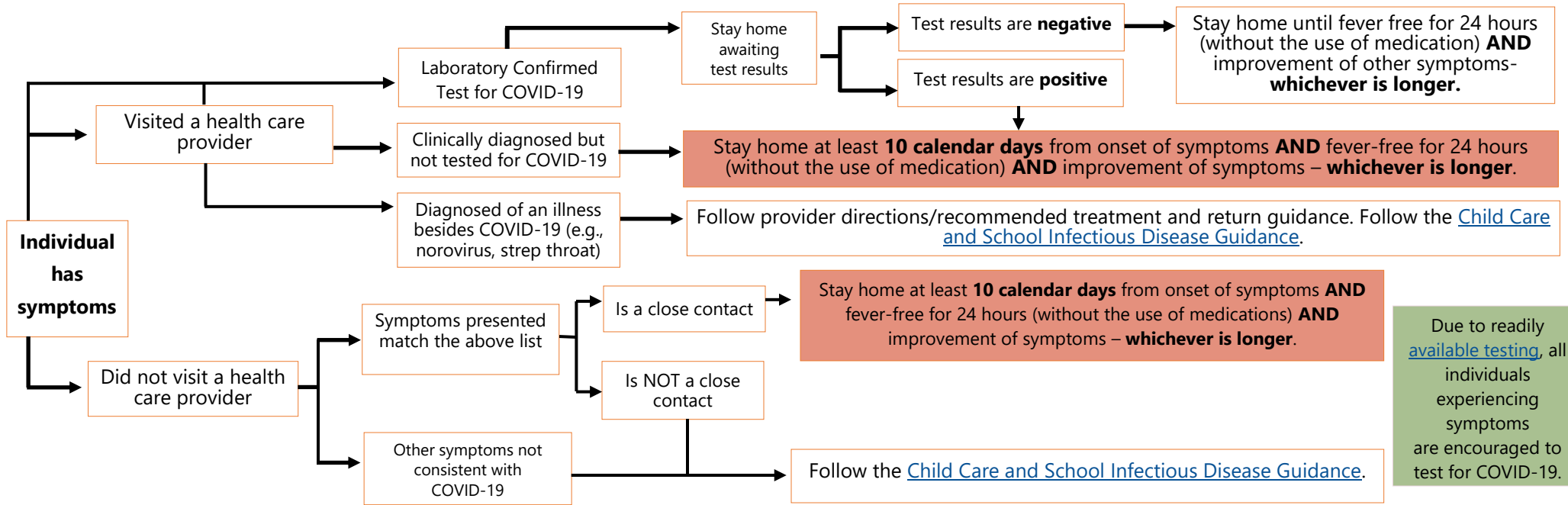


COVID-19 CHILDCARE & SCHOOL EXCLUSION GUIDANCE

Decision Tree for Symptomatic Individuals in K-12 Schools/Childcare Settings

Schools/Childcares may send individuals home or deny entry: Parents/Guardians should monitor their children for symptoms daily and exclude:

- If the individual has **ANY** of the following symptoms: fever (100.4°F or higher) **OR** loss of taste and/or smell **OR**
 - If the individual has **two or more** of the following symptoms: fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain.
- This is in addition to general [Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance](#). Guardians should contact their child's health care provider if ill.



Due to readily available testing, all individuals experiencing symptoms are encouraged to test for COVID-19.

If the individual was identified by the contact tracing team as a **CLOSE CONTACT** to someone with COVID-19: It is recommended that the individuals quarantine for **14 days from the last exposure** to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

- They may be released from quarantine **AFTER DAY 10 from last exposure if they remain symptom free.**
- They may be released from quarantine **AFTER DAY 7 from last exposure if they remain symptom free and test negative for COVID-19 (PCR or Antigen) on day 5 or later from last exposure.**

Siblings and household contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case will need to monitor themselves and quarantine during the case's infectious period (this is typically 10 days from symptoms onset) **AND** for their designated quarantine periods. Quarantine will end 14, 10, or 7 days after the case's infectious period ends.

Exemptions from Quarantine for Close Contacts

- 1. Vaccinated individuals** can be exempted from quarantine if they meet **ALL** the following criteria:
 - Are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥ 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine).
 - Have remained symptom-free since the recent COVID-19 exposure.
 The CDC recommends that fully vaccinated individuals who remain symptom-free do not need to quarantine but should get tested for COVID-19. Testing should be 5-7 days following an exposure and the individual should wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result
- 2. Masked Contacts:** If both the case and their close contacts were properly wearing a mask at all times during exposure, then the close contacts would not need to quarantine.
- 3. Individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 3 months** do not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact within 3 months from their previous symptom onset date or positive test date (if asymptomatic).
- 4. School close contacts** with parental/informed consent to participate in **K-12 School COVID-19 Screening Testing Program** will need to follow the program recommendations.