

School COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree:

Responding to a Symptomatic Individual – 8.03.2021



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Experiencing COVID-like symptoms

Go Home / Stay in School Isolation Room
Until Guardian Picks Up Student

Student or staff member *must do one of the following:*

Get a COVID-19 Test

OR

Get Evaluated by
Healthcare Provider

**If no test result or healthcare provider evaluation has been confirmed, should complete end of isolation criteria. If neither is confirmed within 48 hrs of symptom onset, close contacts should quarantine.*

PCR/molecular test confirmation **required** if antigen test is negative for a symptomatic individual.

(+) Positive Test

(-) Negative Test

Advises to get a
COVID-19 Test

Gives Alternate
Diagnosis AND
Determines
COVID-19 Test
is Not Indicated

ISOLATE & Stay Home Until

- Fever free with no medications for 24 hours, AND
- Symptoms improve, AND
- 10 days since EITHER 1st symptom appeared OR date positive test administered (whichever comes first) AND
- Notify close contacts

Stay Home Until

- Symptoms improve, AND
- Fever free with no meds for 24 hours

Return to School with Documentation Per School Policy

COVID-19 symptoms include but are not limited to:

- Fever ≥ 100.4 °F
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Increasingly nonproductive (dry) cough
- Body aches or fatigue
- GI symptoms (nausea, diarrhea)
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Other flu or cold like symptoms such as headache, sore throat, or congestion

Reference LDH Website for Specifics on Suspect Cases & Contact Tracing:
[COVID-19 Contact Tracing in Schools](#)

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In case of an emergency, dial 911.

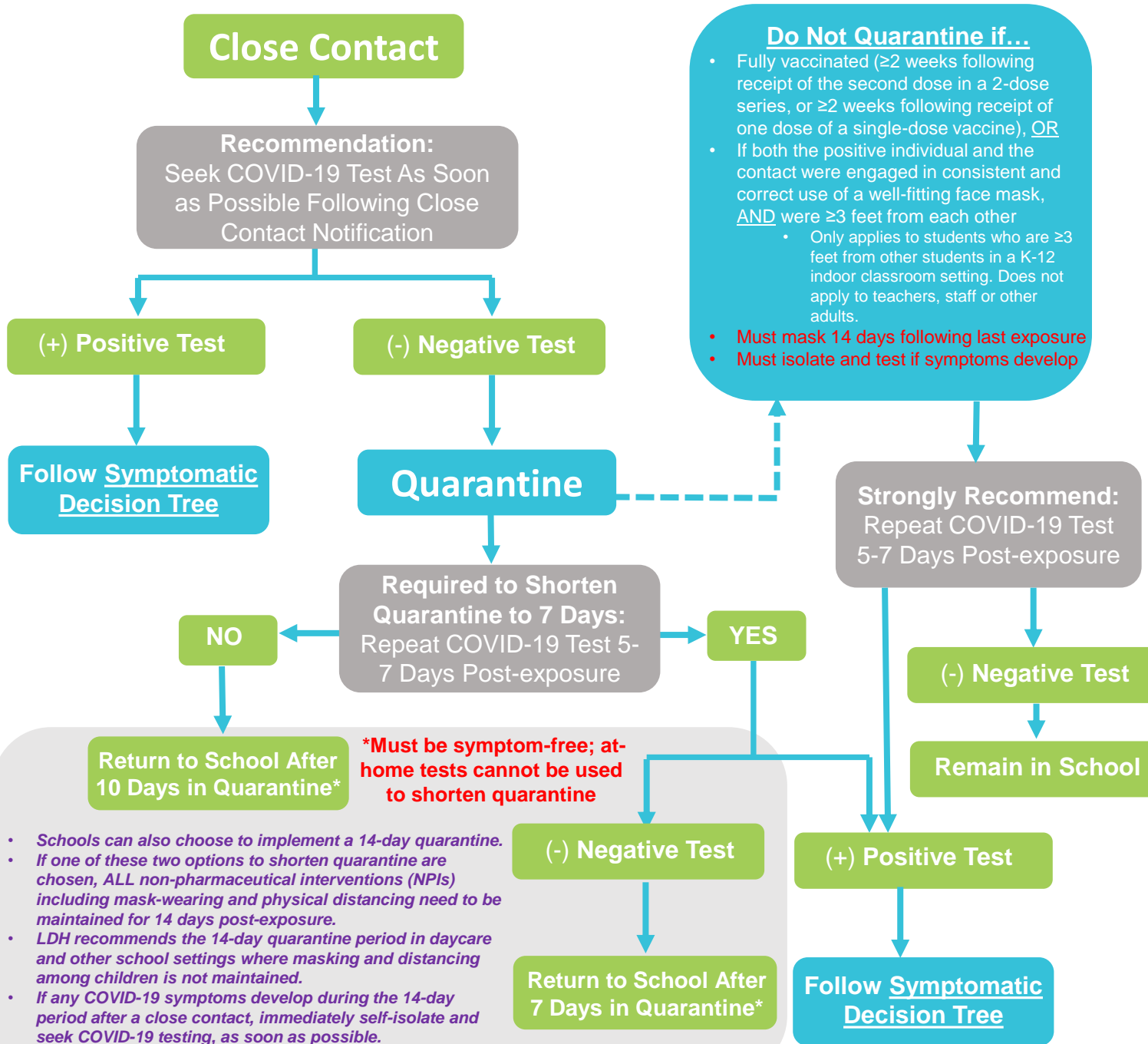
This chart follows the most up-to-date CDC & LDH recommendations. Download a copy at:
<https://www.chnola.org/community/thrivekids-student-wellness/covid-19-support/school-covid-19-decision-tree/>

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Responding to Close Contact – 8.03.2021



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Do Not Quarantine if...

- Fully vaccinated (≥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), OR
- If both the positive individual and the contact were engaged in consistent and correct use of a well-fitting face mask, AND were ≥3 feet from each other
 - Only applies to students who are ≥3 feet from other students in a K-12 indoor classroom setting. Does not apply to teachers, staff or other adults.
- Must mask 14 days following last exposure
- Must isolate and test if symptoms develop

CLOSE CONTACT =

- Within 6 feet of a COVID-19 infected person, for a **cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period**;
- The infectious period for identifying close contacts include the 48 hours before the day the person became sick (or the 48 hours before specimen collection if asymptomatic) until the person was isolated.

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Reference CDC Website for Correct Usage of Face Mask: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks

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- Schools can also choose to implement a 14-day quarantine.
- If one of these two options to shorten quarantine are chosen, ALL non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) including mask-wearing and physical distancing need to be maintained for 14 days post-exposure.
- LDH recommends the 14-day quarantine period in daycare and other school settings where masking and distancing among children is not maintained.
- If any COVID-19 symptoms develop during the 14-day period after a close contact, immediately self-isolate and seek COVID-19 testing, as soon as possible.

***Must be symptom-free; at-home tests cannot be used to shorten quarantine**