



Flowchart for Symptomatic Students and Staff

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Individual has one or more of the following symptoms:

- Fever greater than 100.4 F or chills
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Cough (new, changed, or worsening)
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Sore throat

Must be sent home immediately.

- While waiting at school, required to be isolated and wear a mask.
- Anyone working with symptomatic individuals is required to wear appropriate PPE.

Isolate at home and get tested for COVID-19

Positive COVID-19 test result **OR** no test

Isolate at home for 5 days from symptom onset

Have symptoms greatly improved and no fever in the last 24 hours (without medication)?

No

If you continue to experience symptoms, stay home until fever-free for 24 hours without use of medication and symptoms have greatly improved.

Yes

Negative COVID-19 test result **OR** alternative diagnosis from healthcare provider **OR** symptoms consistent with a diagnosed chronic condition **PLUS** a negative test

May return to school if:

- No fever in the last 24 hours (without medication) **AND**
- Symptoms have greatly improved

If symptoms persist retest every 24-48 hours until five days have passed from the day symptoms started.

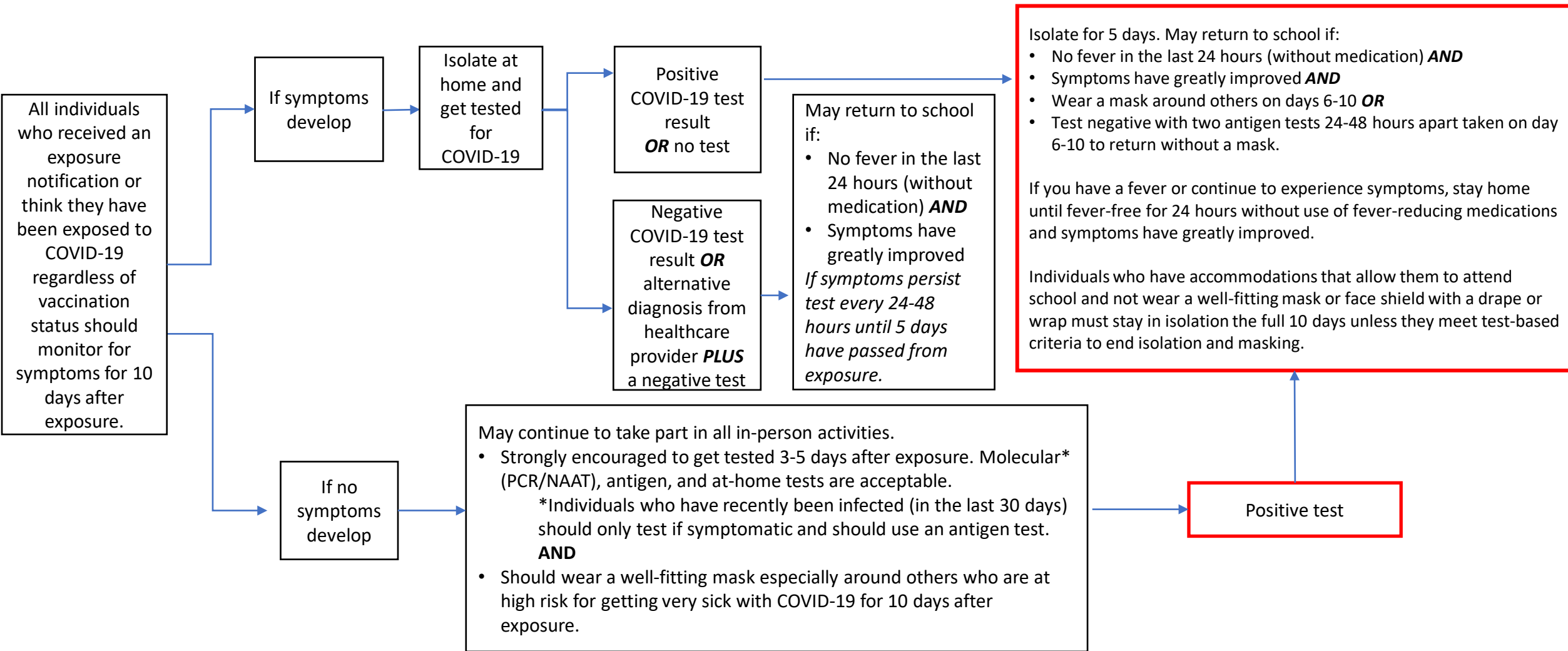
May return to school provided that they wear a mask around others on days 6-10.

Testing during isolation is **optional**. Individuals who test positive using antigen or at-home tests on or after day 6 of isolation are to continue to isolate and wear a well-fitting and high-quality mask and wait 24-48 hours to test again. If the test is negative on two sequential tests each performed 24-48 hours apart, they can end isolation and stop wearing a mask before day 10. If no additional testing is done, the individual should continue to wear a well-fitting and high-quality mask for days 6-10.

Individuals who have accommodations that allow them to attend school and not wear a well-fitting mask or face shield with a drape or wrap must stay in isolation the full 10 days unless they meet test-based criteria for ending isolation and masking.

*If the child is under the age of two and ONLY has congestion/runny nose with no other symptoms, testing and isolation is not required. If the child's symptoms worsen or persist longer than five days, follow the flowchart for children over two and it is highly recommended to contact a healthcare provider

Flowchart for COVID-19 Exposures



Asymptomatic Household Contacts: Testing every 3-5 days is recommended until 5 days have passed after the last positive household member's isolation has ended. Symptomatic household contacts should follow flowchart for symptomatic students and staff.

Note: Clusters and outbreaks represent situations in a school or provider setting where, in coordination with local public health, enhanced mitigation efforts should be considered, and may be required, to prevent disease transmission. See Communication Plan - Outbreak slide for more details.

Communication Plan – Single Positive Case

A single student tests positive for COVID-19

PHSS is notified of positive test result

PHSS communicates to school community exposure

School District/School

School contacts PHSS if they are aware of a positive COVID-19 case or outbreak.

PHSS needs school district contact person and a school building contact person. Designated people may need to be contacted after hours.

Notification of students, children and their families of COVID-19 cases is strongly recommended. There are a variety of notification options. Notification should include number of cases and location. Please note each school district may have a different notification process.

The Health Emergency Labor Standards Act (HELSEA) requires employers to notify staff of exposure.

School districts to follow CDC cleaning protocol for COVID-19.

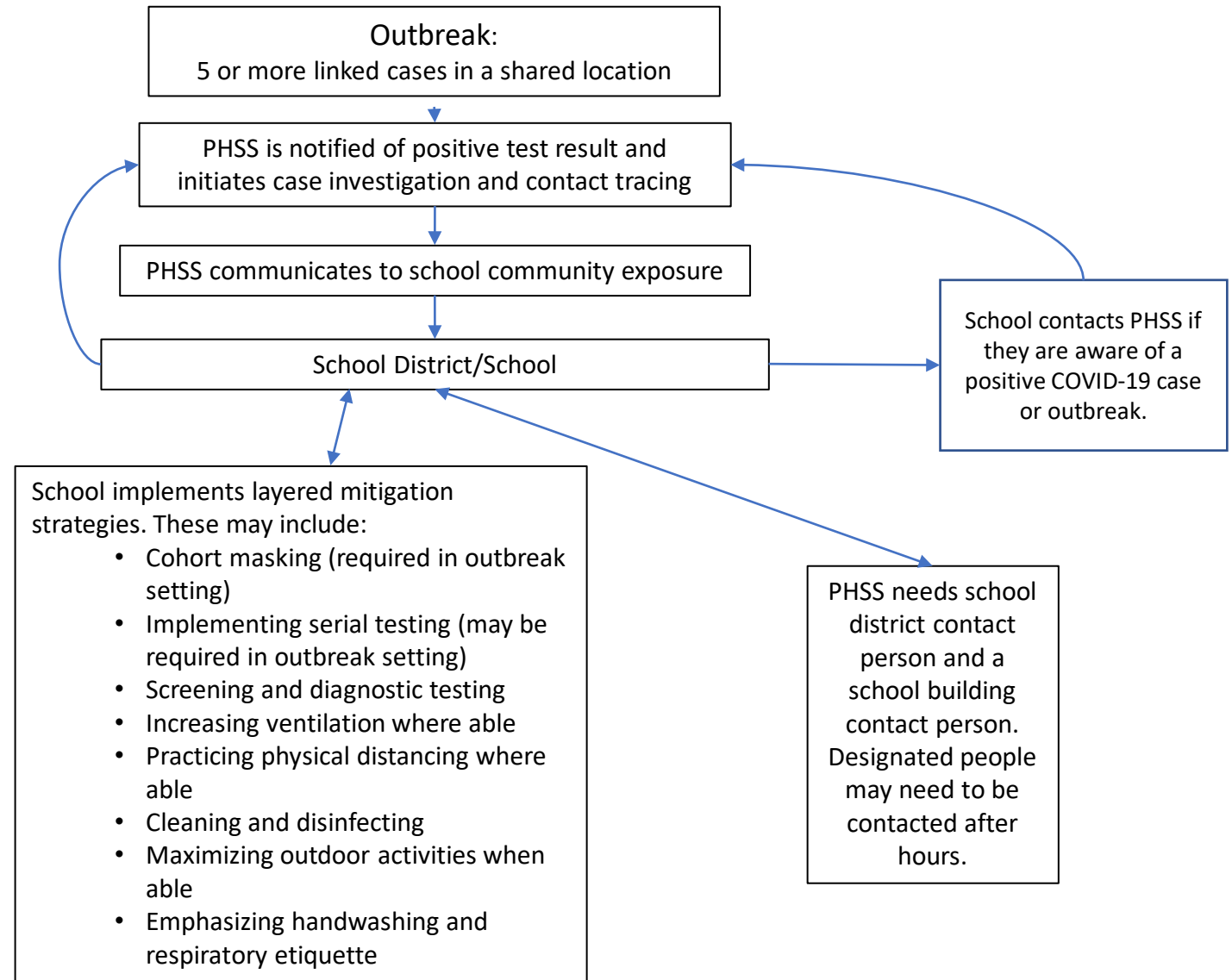
Classroom Outbreaks:

- Defined as at least 5 cases within a specified core group¹ meeting criteria for a COVID-19 case from a positive test **OR** multiple COVID-19 cases from positive tests comprising at least 20% of students, teachers, or staff within a specified core group; AND the following three criteria are met:
 1. Cases have a symptom onset or positive test result within 7 days of each other, AND
 2. There is no evidence that transmission was more likely to have occurred in another setting (e.g., household or outside social contact) outside of the school or childcare, AND
 3. Cases were epidemiologically linked in the school or childcare setting or a school or childcare-sanctioned extracurricular activity.
- When a cluster of 20% **OR** five or more probable or confirmed cases of COVID-19 is identified within a cohort initiate masking and COVID-19 testing every 48 hours for the duration of outbreak investigation. Quarantine may be necessary where mitigation measures are not possible or in the setting of uncontrolled COVID-19 transmission.

Closure of a school may be necessary when there is evidence of uncontrolled spread of COVID-19. Factors considered are:

- Number of classrooms with outbreaks
- Rapid increase in number of cases
- Absentee rate greater than 20%
- Evidence of 2 or more generations of COVID-19 transmission
- Staffing limitations such that a school is not able to remain open
- Schools closed will be required to follow a 10-day or 14-day quarantine to stop disease transmission

If the Local Health Jurisdiction determines that contact tracing is required as part of an outbreak investigation additional information may be requested.



Definitions

COVID-19 Exposure:

- An individual who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 during their infectious period or is a part of a cohort with one or more COVID-19 cases have been identified or an individual who was in a location at a time when one or more individuals with COVID-19 were present during their infectious period.

Isolation:

- Isolation is used to separate people infected with COVID-19 from those who are not infected. Stay home and away from others, even if you don't have symptoms. If you do have symptoms, monitor your symptoms and seek medical attention if needed.