

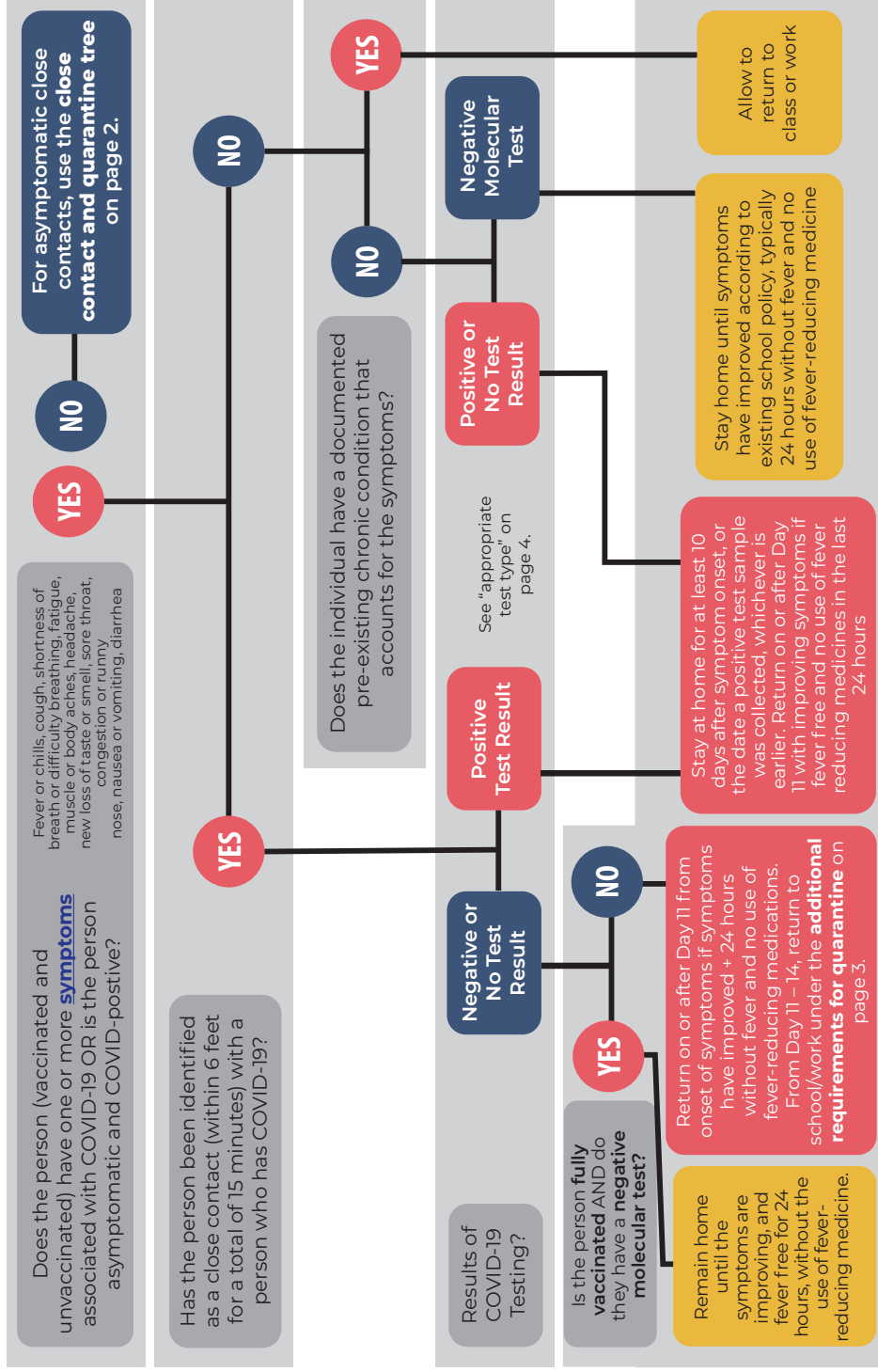
COVID-19 K-12 Decision Trees

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Symptom and Isolation Tree

When a school becomes aware of a positive case on campus, the district/school liaison must contact public health at 888-950-9905 to report the case. For questions on exposures, symptoms, or other related questions, call the Epidemiology School Line at 619-692-8636 and leave a message.



Close Contact and Quarantine Tree

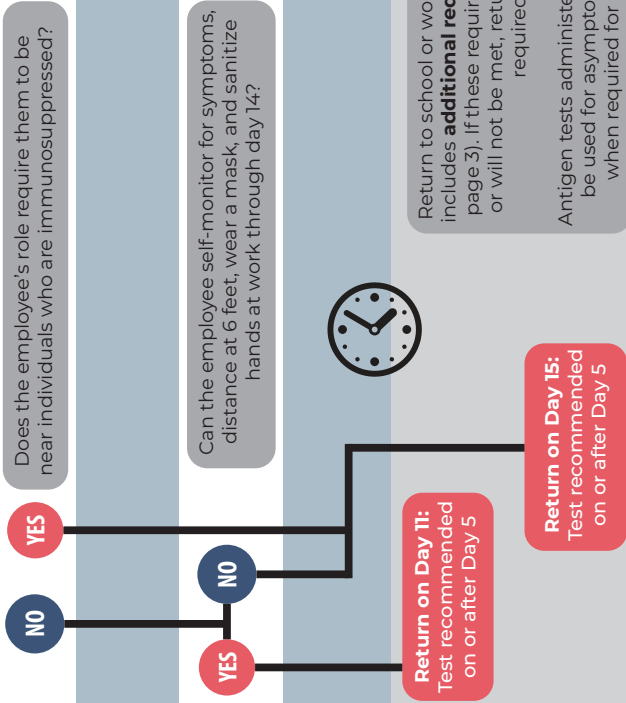


YES
Allow to remain in school or work. Quarantine is not required. Recommend that the person test on Day 3, 4, or 5.

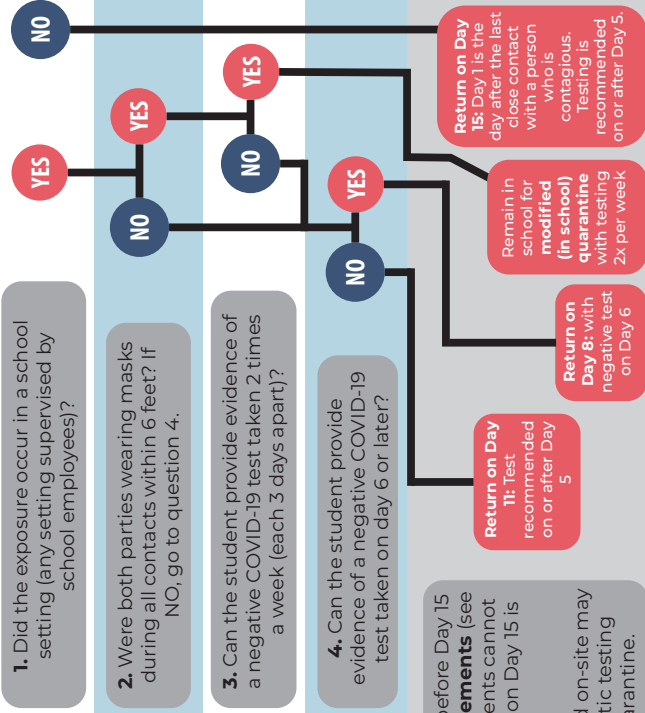
NO
Use the following decision trees for adults or students as appropriate.

Is the person fully vaccinated OR have they recovered from COVID-19 within the last 90 days with evidence of lab-confirmed diagnosis?

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Addendum on Quarantine



Quarantine or isolation: What's the difference?

- Quarantine keeps someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others.
- Isolation keeps someone who is infected with the virus away from others, even in their home.

Who needs to quarantine?

- People who have been in **close contact** with someone who has COVID-19 — excluding people who have had COVID-19 within the past three months or **who are fully vaccinated**.
- People who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past three months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.
 - People who develop symptoms again within three months of their first bout of COVID-19 should follow their doctor's advice on testing.
- People who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they have been **fully vaccinated** against the disease and show no symptoms.

What counts as close contact?

- Being within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- Providing care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
- Having direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
- Sharing eating or drinking utensils
- Being sneezed on, coughed on, or somehow getting respiratory droplets on you from someone with COVID-19

Additional Requirements for return to school or work before completing 14 days of quarantine:

- If these requirements cannot or will not be met, 14-day quarantine is required.
- The number of days required for quarantine is counted from the day after the person's last close contact with a person who has COVID-19. People are contagious from 2 days before symptoms begin or positive test result, whichever is earlier, until 10 days after.
- If symptoms occur, the individual should immediately self-isolate and contact their health care provider or San Diego County Public Health Services and seek testing.

ADULTS

Return on Day 15: No additional requirements.

Return on Day 11: May return if the individual is able to abide by the additional requirements described below.

Additional Requirements: In addition, for return before Day 14, the employee must agree to self monitor for symptoms, maintain 6 feet of physical distancing at all times, and wear a face covering over their nose and mouth as required. Staff members who would be near others who have severe immunosuppressive disorder (e.g., bone marrow or solid organ transplant, chemotherapy) must quarantine for 14 days.

***NOTE:** Cal/OSHA's emergency temporary standards restrict the use of the 7-day quarantine option to specific employment settings. School are not authorized to use the 7-day option.

Return on Day 15: No additional requirements. Testing on or after Day 5 is recommended.

All of the following options for students are limited to close contacts that occurred in a school setting (any setting supervised by school staff).

Return on Day 11: Testing on or after Day 5 is recommended but not required.

Return on Day 8: Provide evidence that a diagnostic specimen collected on or after Day 6 (from the date of last exposure) is negative.

Modified Quarantine (remain in school): Must undergo twice weekly testing (each test at least 3 days apart) and not participate in any program or activity outside of the regular school day, on campus or in a community setting, through Day 10.

Additional Requirements for the three options listed above: The student must continue daily self-monitoring for symptoms, AND follow all recommended non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., wearing a mask indoors, hand washing, avoiding crowds) through Day 14 from last known exposure. Mask use outdoors is also encouraged.

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Addendum on Test Types

Appropriate Test Types:

Molecular Tests

- Lab-based PCR
- Rapid molecular tests (PCR-like)

Antigen On-Site (or at home as part of a state pilot)

- If symptomatic, a negative antigen test requires molecular test (PCR, LAMP, NAAT) confirmation and individuals should isolate until test results are available.
- If asymptomatic, a positive test requires a confirmation with a molecular test (PCR, LAMP, NAAT) and individuals should isolate until confirmatory test results are available.

Onsite Rapid Tests

- When a point of care test (school administered antigen test or rapid molecular test like the Cue) is used for a **person in quarantine who develops symptoms**, the results must be confirmed with a laboratory-based PCR test.

Populations Tested:

- Staff or students with symptoms, regardless of vaccination status
- Unvaccinated students who are close contacts to remain in school for a modified quarantine as described in **CDPH K-12 Guidance**.

