

# COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree for K-12 & Daycare:

Responding to a Symptomatic Individual– 01.10.2022



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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**

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can return to school.
- If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If school cannot ensure masking for 5 additional days, then case should isolate for a full **10 days**.
- 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

**Determining Isolation Start Date**

- If symptomatic, day of symptom onset = Day 0
- If asymptomatic, day positive test collected = Day 0
  - If symptoms develop, Day 0 resets to day of symptom onset

Reference LDH Website for Specifics on Suspect Cases & Contact Tracing:  
[COVID-19 Contact Tracing in Schools](https://www.louisiana.gov/Portals/0/documents/COVID-19/COVID-19-Contact-Tracing-in-Schools.pdf)

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**In case of an emergency, dial 911.**

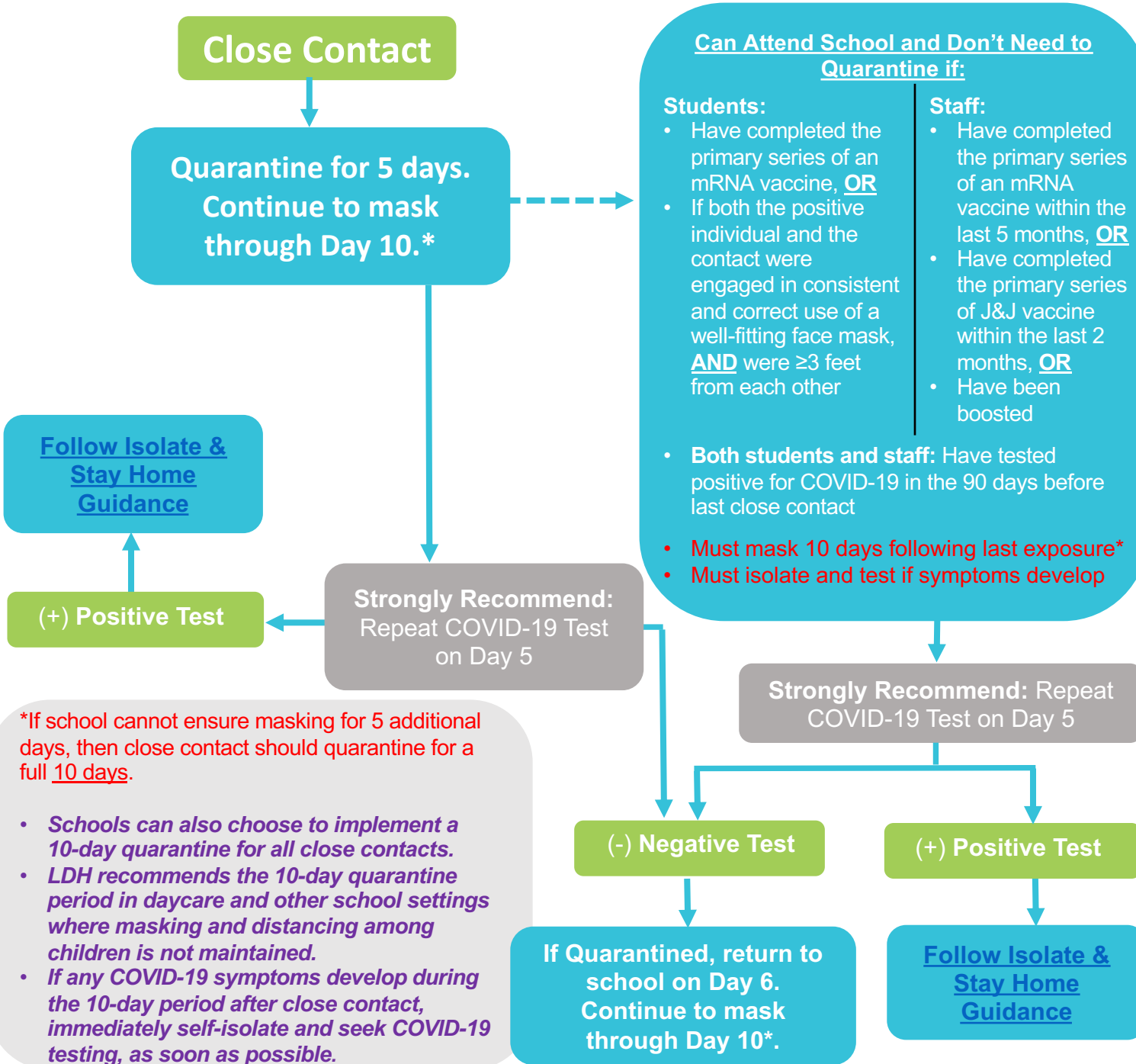
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Responding to Close Contact – 01.10.2022



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## 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.

## Determining Quarantine Start Date

- Day of last contact = Day 0

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

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*\*If school cannot ensure masking for 5 additional days, then close contact should quarantine for a full 10 days.*

- *Schools can also choose to implement a 10-day quarantine for all close contacts.*
- *LDH recommends the 10-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 10-day period after close contact, immediately self-isolate and seek COVID-19 testing, as soon as possible.*