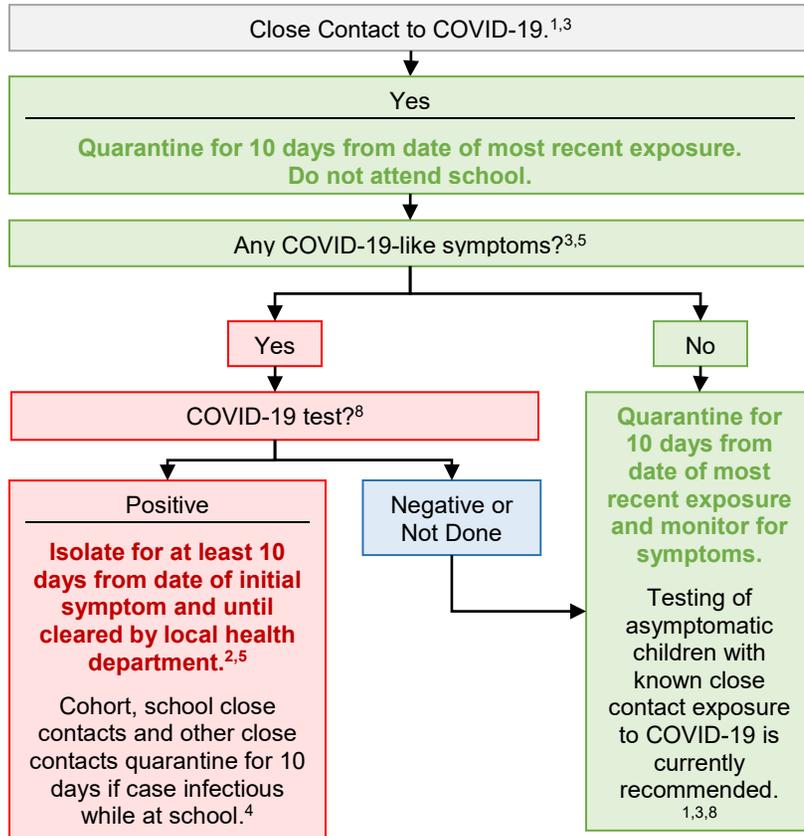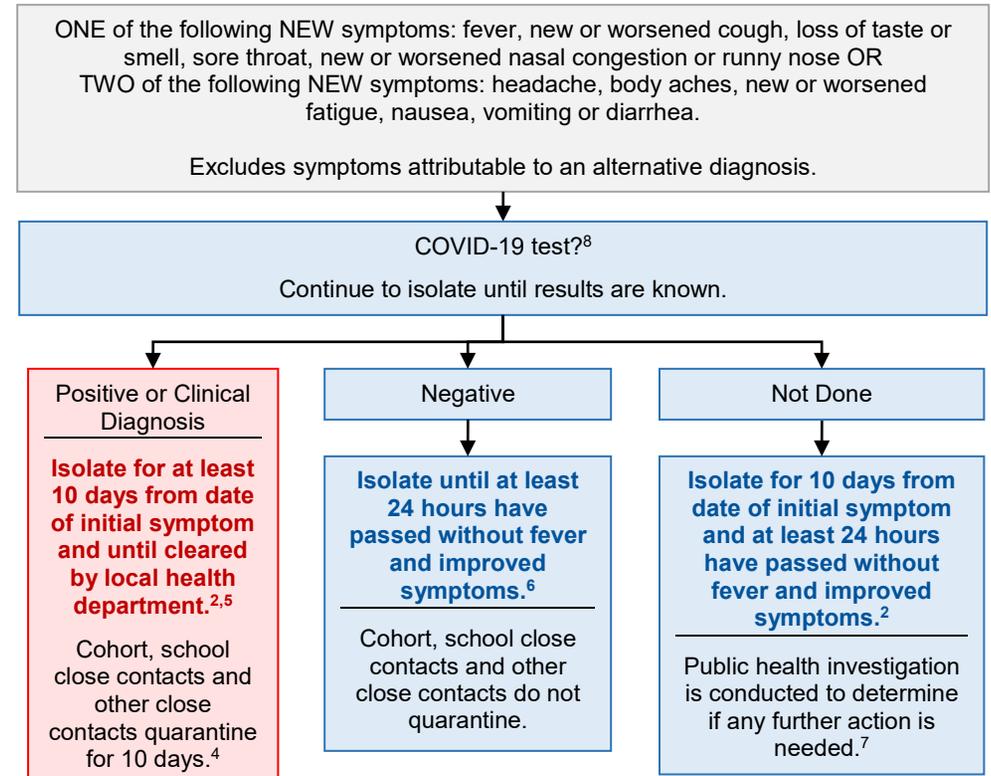# School & Child Care COVID-19 Isolation & Quarantine Protocol

12/9/2020

IF EXPOSED TO KNOWN COVID-19 CASE, START HERE:

Close Contact to COVID-19.[1,3]

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Yes

Quarantine for 10 days from date of most recent exposure. Do not attend school.

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Any COVID-19-like symptoms?[3,5]

Yes → COVID-19 test?[8]

Positive

Isolate for at least 10 days from date of initial symptom and until cleared by local health department.[2,5]

Cohort, school close contacts and other close contacts quarantine for 10 days if case infectious while at school.[4]

Negative or Not Done

No

Quarantine for 10 days from date of most recent exposure and monitor for symptoms.

Testing of asymptomatic children with known close contact exposure to COVID-19 is currently recommended. [1,3,8]

IF SYMPTOMATIC, START HERE:

ONE of the following NEW symptoms: fever, new or worsened cough, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, new or worsened nasal congestion or runny nose OR
TWO of the following NEW symptoms: headache, body aches, new or worsened fatigue, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

Excludes symptoms attributable to an alternative diagnosis.

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COVID-19 test?[8]

Continue to isolate until results are known.

Positive or Clinical Diagnosis

Isolate for at least 10 days from date of initial symptom and until cleared by local health department.[2,5]

Cohort, school close contacts and other close contacts quarantine for 10 days.[4]

Negative

Isolate until at least 24 hours have passed without fever and improved symptoms.[6]

Cohort, school close contacts and other close contacts do not quarantine.

Not Done

Isolate for 10 days from date of initial symptom and at least 24 hours have passed without fever and improved symptoms.[2]

Public health investigation is conducted to determine if any further action is needed.[7]

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[1] Anyone who was within 6 feet of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes with or without a mask is a close contact. In addition, anyone who was in a cohort, classroom or team with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 may be considered a close contact.

[2] Individual must isolate for at least 10 days from date of initial symptom and until 24+ hours without fever and other symptoms improved. Isolation means physical separation from others to prevent exposure.

[3] Individual must quarantine for 10 days from date of most recent exposure to someone with COVID-19. Quarantine means physical separation from others to monitor for symptoms.

[4] Cohort, classroom or team of someone with COVID-19 may quarantine for 10 days from date of most recent exposure. Quarantine means physical separation from others to monitor for symptoms.

[5] Symptoms may include, but are not limited to: fever, subjective fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, headache, body aches, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, loss of taste or loss of smell.

[6] Other diagnoses may include, but are not limited to: allergies, asthma, common cold, croup, influenza, parainfluenza, pertussis and strep throat.

[7] Since no diagnosis is confirmed, public health conducts an investigation to determine other epidemiologic links or causes of illness. Dependent upon the outcome of the investigation, the cohort, classroom or team of the symptomatic individual may still need to quarantine.

[8] Contact health care provider or refer to Columbus Public Health COVID-19 testing information at www.columbus.gov/coronavirus. If you've tested positive for COVID-19, there's a free online tool that can help you quickly and easily notify your contacts. Learn more at www.tellyourcontacts.org.

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