

COVID-19 CHILDCARE & SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

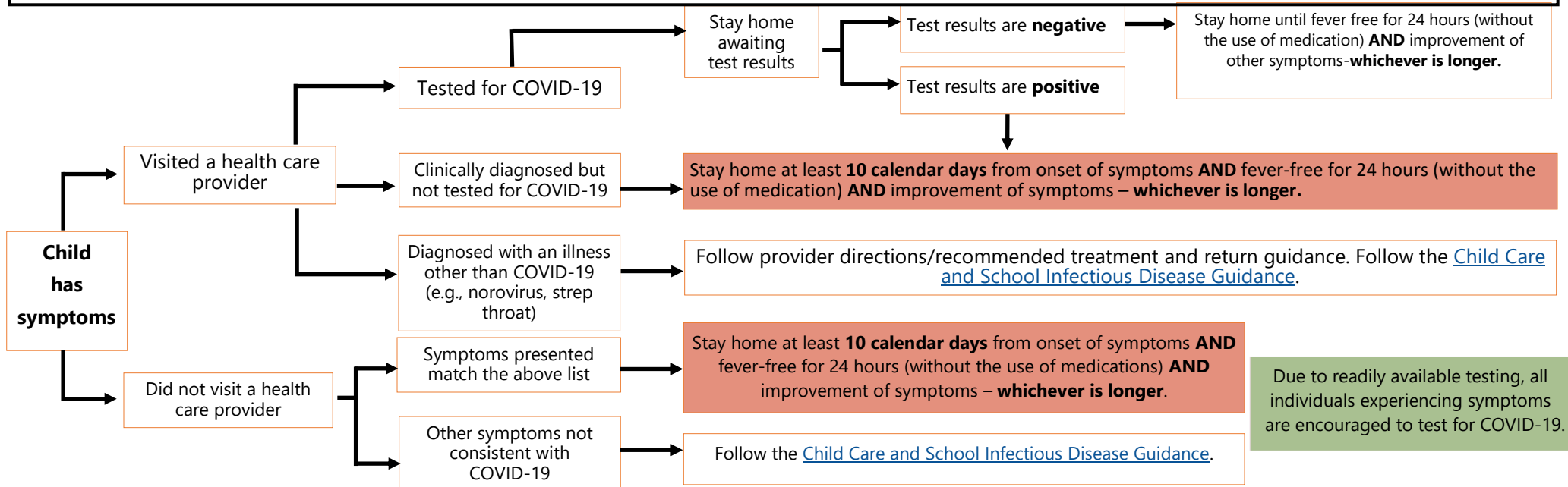
Decision Tree for Parents

Parents/caregivers should monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day.

DO NOT send your child to school:

- If your child has **ANY** of the following symptoms: fever (100.4°F or higher) **OR** loss of taste and/or smell **OR**
- If your child has **two or more** of the following symptoms: fatigue, headache, muscle/body aches, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain.

This is in addition to general [Child Care and School Infectious Disease Guidance](#). Parents of children who are ill should contact their child's health care provider.



If your child was identified by the contact tracing team as a **CLOSE CONTACT** to someone with COVID-19: It is recommended that your child quarantine for **14 days from the last exposure** to someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

- They may be released from quarantine **AFTER DAY 10 from last exposure if they remain symptom free.**
- They may be released from quarantine **AFTER DAY 7 from last exposure if they remain symptom free and test negative for COVID-19 (PCR or Antigen) on day 5 or later from last exposure.**

Siblings and household contacts to a confirmed COVID-19 case will need to monitor themselves and quarantine during the case's infectious period (this is typically 10 days from symptoms onset) **AND** for their designated quarantine periods. Quarantine will end 14, 10, or 7 days after the case's infectious period ends.

Exemptions from Quarantine for Close Contacts

- Vaccinated individuals** can be exempted from quarantine if they meet **ALL** the following criteria:
 - Are fully vaccinated (i.e. ≥ 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).
 - Have remained symptom-free since the recent COVID-19 exposure.
 The CDC recommends that fully vaccinated individuals who remain symptom-free do not need to quarantine but should get tested for COVID-19. Testing should be 3-5 days following an exposure and the individual should wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days, or until they receive a negative test result
- Masked Contacts:** If both the case and their close contacts were properly wearing a mask at all times during exposure, then the close contacts would not need to quarantine.
- Individuals who **tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days** do not need to quarantine if identified as a close contact within 90 days of their previous symptom onset date or positive test date (if asymptomatic).
- If you (parents) have consented your child to participate in **K-12 School COVID-19 Screening/Testing Program**, please follow the program recommendations.