

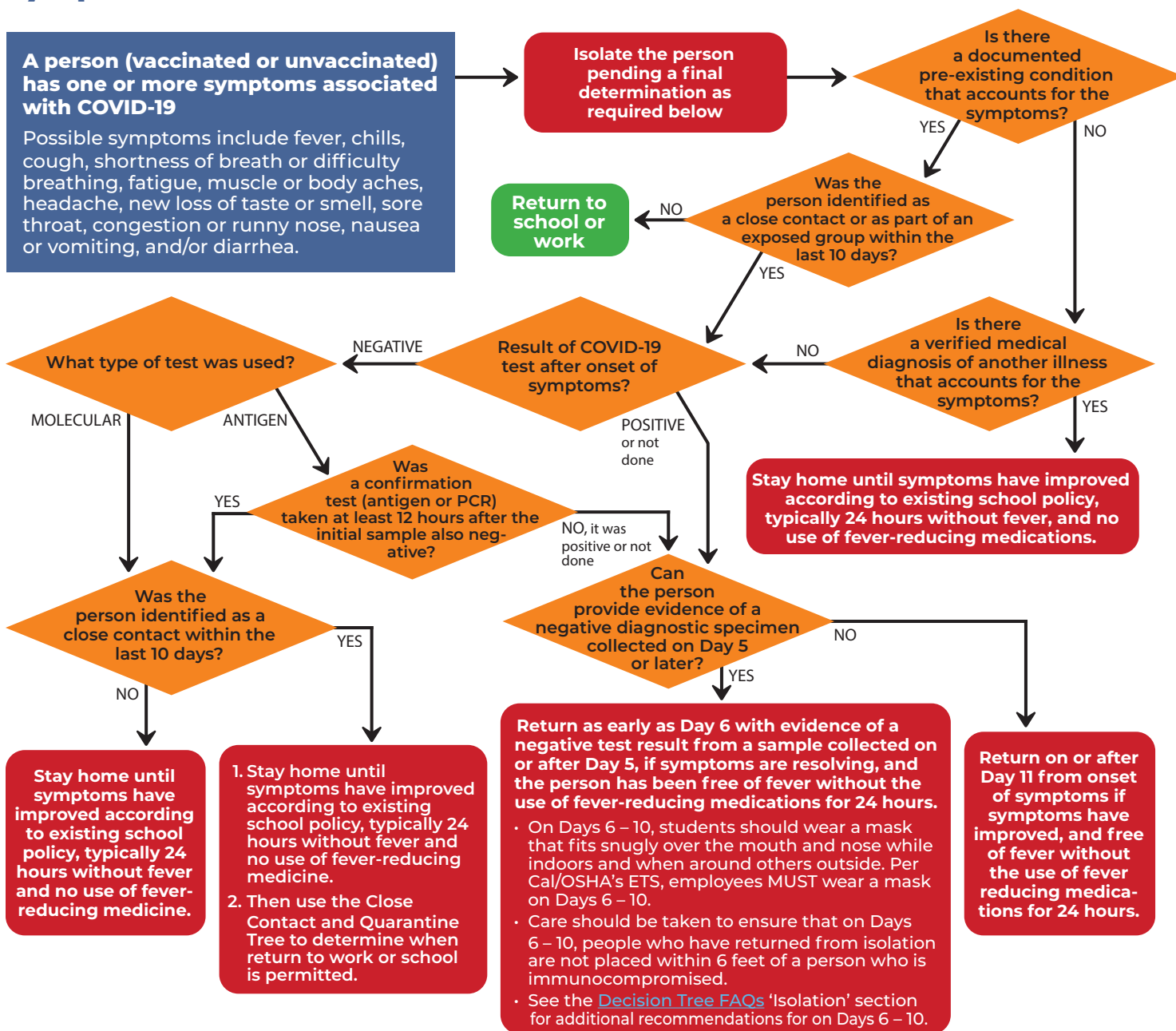
COVID-19 Decision Trees for K-12 Schools

Today's updates: The guidance for employee close contacts has been updated to align more closely with the requirements for students. Therefore, the Close Contact and Quarantine Tree for K-12 Workers has been replaced by the Close Contact and Exposure Tree on Page 2.

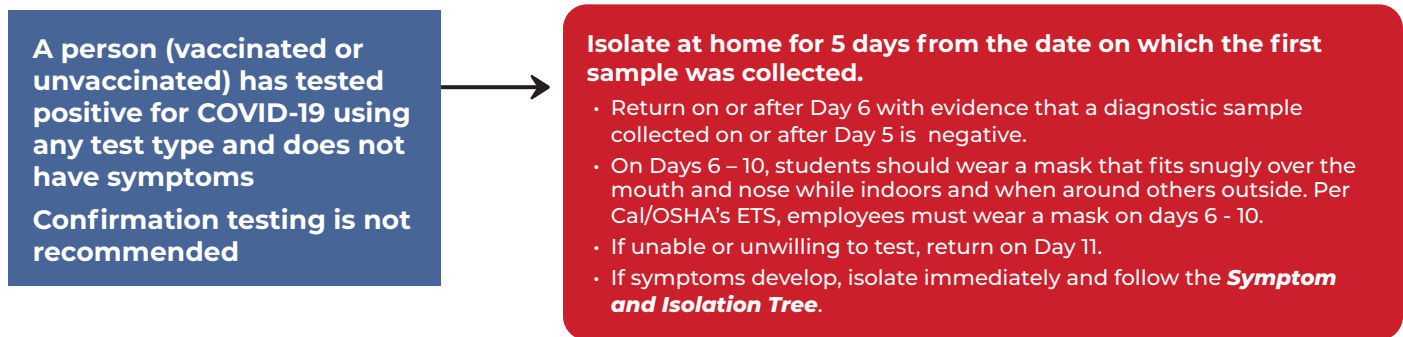
If the person...

- Has **symptoms**, use the **Symptom and Isolation Tree**
- Has **tested positive** and **does not have symptoms**, use the **Asymptomatic Positive Tree**
- Is identified as a **close contact** and **does not have symptoms**, use the **Close Contact and Quarantine Trees**

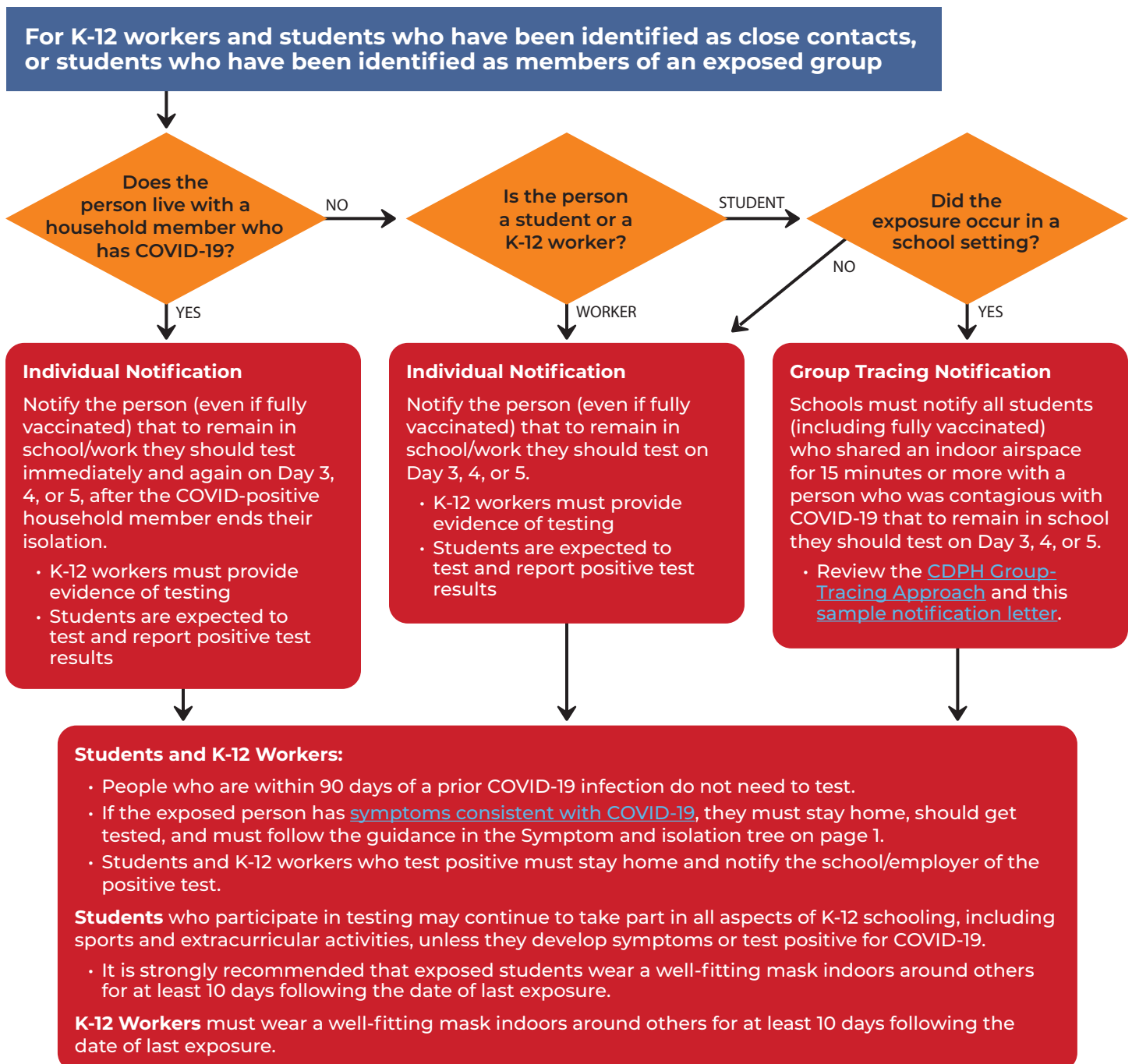
Symptom and Isolation Tree for Students and K-12 Workers



Asymptomatic Positive Tree for Students and K-12 Workers



Close Contact and Exposure Tree for Students and K-12 Workers



Test Types By Situation

Situation	Appropriate Test Types
Person with symptoms (For initial testing in response to symptoms.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antigen testing is acceptable in response to an onset of symptoms, but if the person with symptoms receives a negative result from an antigen test, they must remain in isolation pending the outcome of a confirmatory test (antigen, PCR or other NAAT). The first antigen test must be administered after symptom onset. If negative, the confirmation test must be administered 12 hours or later after the initial antigen test. If the confirmatory test is also negative the person may return to school or work immediately. For people who are within 90 days of a prior infection and symptomatic antigen negative, please see FAQ No. 23 for instructions. • PCR or other NAAT
Return from isolation before Day 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antigen testing is recommended for people whose symptoms are resolving to determine if they can return to school or work on Day 6 - 10. Antigen tests are less likely to detect virus beyond a person's contagious period. • PCR or other NAAT are acceptable.
Required screenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antigen is preferred because it returns a quick result. • PCR or other NAAT
At-Home Testing	
<p>STUDENTS: Schools may accept the results of at-home testing for the same uses for which antigen tests are approved. Schools are encouraged to use a means described in the Over-The-Counter Tests Guidance to verify the results on tests administered at home. See the “What are best practices for verification of self-test results?” section for specific recommendations.</p> <p>EMPLOYEES: Per Cal/OSHA, an employer may only accept the results of an at-home test when the administration is observed by the employer or a telehealth proctor.</p> <p>STUDENTS and EMPLOYEES: When used for a person who has symptoms, the County of San Diego requires that a negative antigen test be confirmed by a follow-up test (antigen, PCR or other NAAT) administered the following day, and that the person isolate pending the result of that test.</p>	