

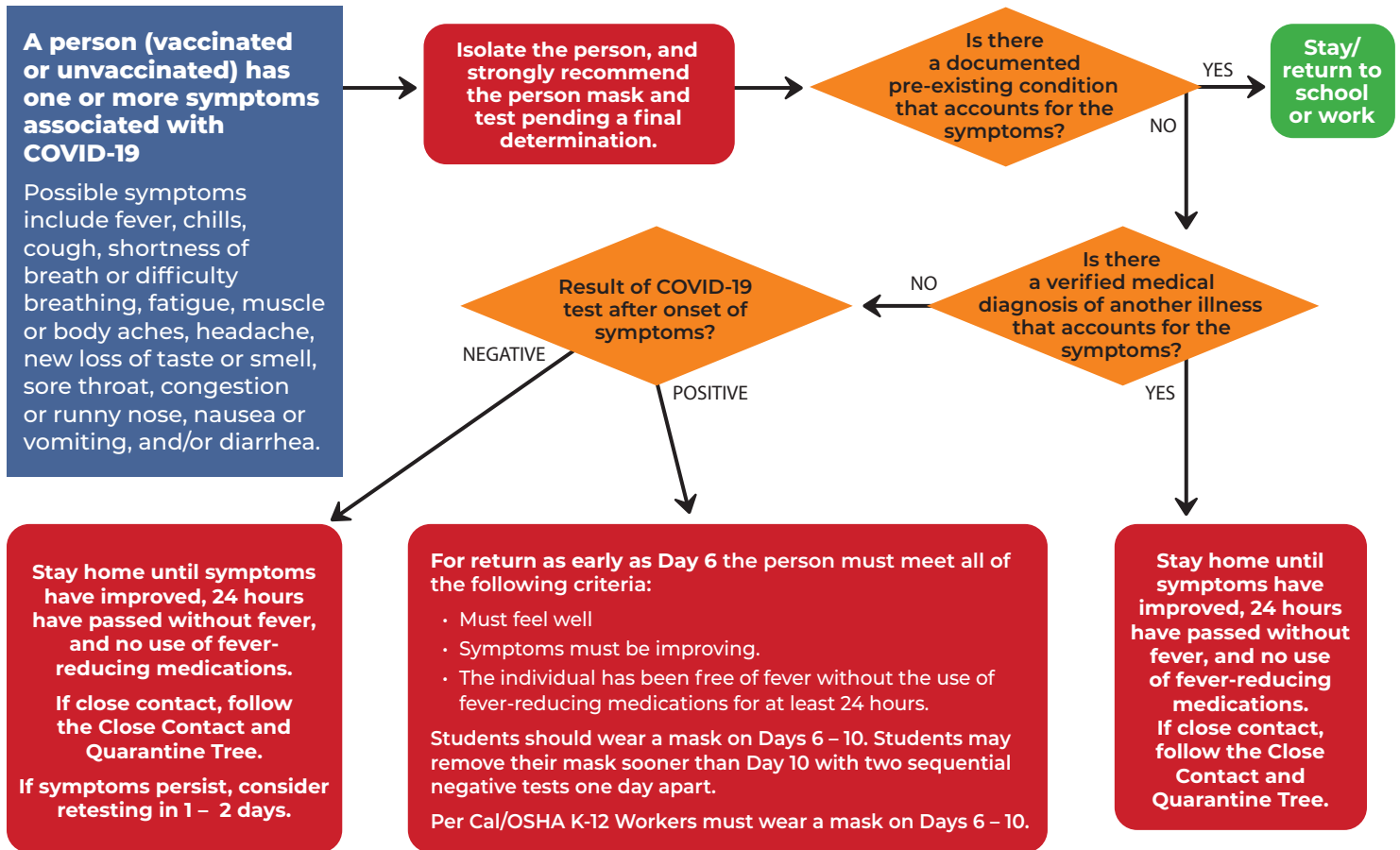
COVID-19 Decision Trees for K-12 Schools

Today's updates: The Asymptomatic Positive Tree was updated to address requirements when an asymptomatic individual who tests positive develops symptoms after the positive test date.

If the person...

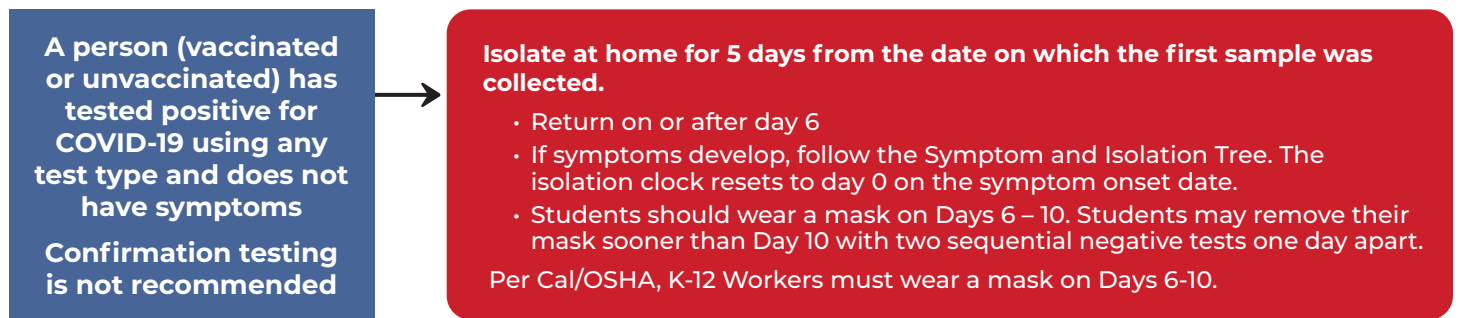
- Has **symptoms**, use the **Symptom and Isolation Tree**
- Has **tested positive** and **does not have symptoms**, use the **Asymptomatic Positive Tree**
- Is identified as a **close contact** and **does not have symptoms**, use the **Close Contact and Quarantine Trees**

Symptom and Isolation Tree for Students and K-12 Workers

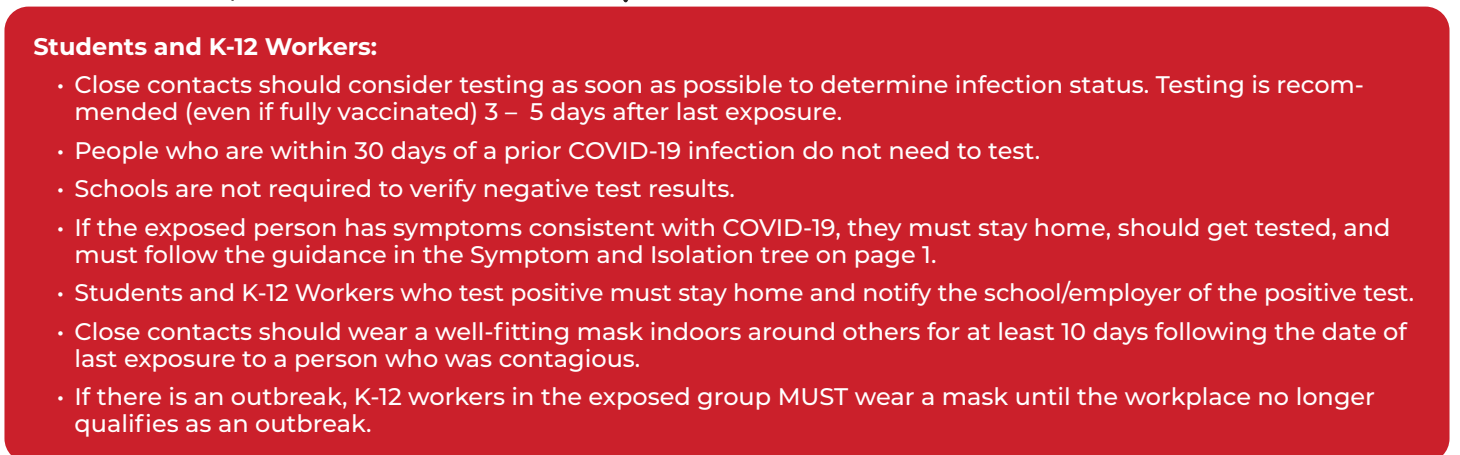
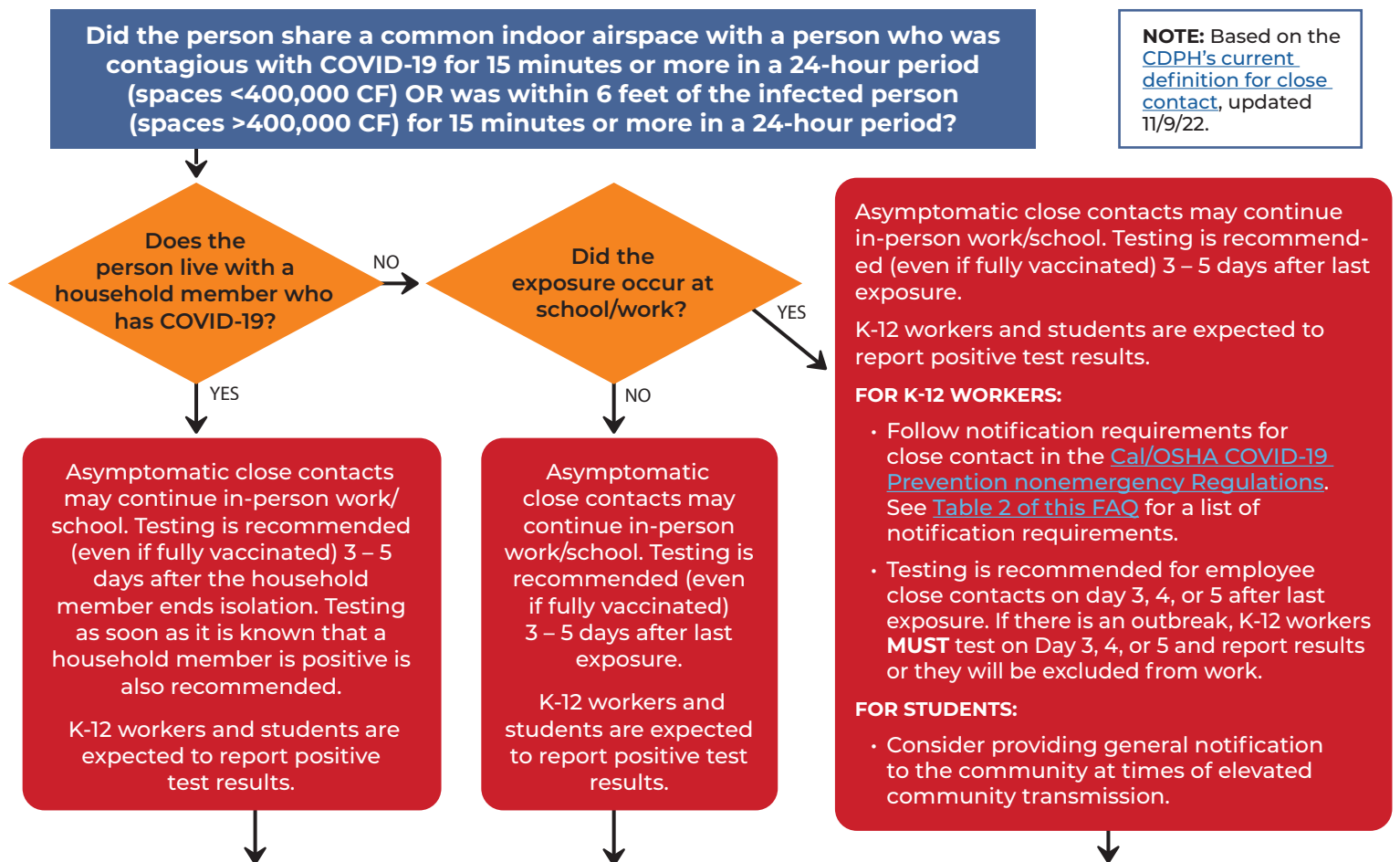


K-12 schools are encouraged to develop standard criteria for managing students who develop symptoms of infectious diseases, including COVID-19.

Asymptomatic Positive Tree for Students and K-12 Workers



Close Contact 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 is preferred because it returns a quick result • PCR or other NAAT are acceptable.
Close Contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antigen is preferred because it returns a quick result • PCR or other NAAT are acceptable. • Per CDPH Guidance for Local Health Jurisdictions on Isolation and Quarantine of the General Public “Close contacts should consider testing as soon as possible to determine infection status and follow all isolation recommendations above if testing positive. Knowing one is infected early enables (a) earlier access to treatment options, if indicated (especially for those who may be at risk for severe illness), and (b) notification of exposed persons (close contacts) who may also benefit by knowing if they are infected. If testing negative before Day 3, retest at least a day later at least once, during the 3–5 day window following exposure.”
Required screenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antigen is preferred because it returns a quick result • PCR or other NAAT are acceptable.

At-Home Testing

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, if necessary. See the “What are best practices for verification of self-test results?” section for specific recommendations.

EMPLOYEES: If testing is required, per Cal/OSHA, “an over-the-counter (OTC) COVID-19 test may be both self-administered and self-read if verification of the results, such as a time and date stamped photograph of the result or an OTC test that uses digital reporting with time and date stamped results, is provided.” This guidance can be found in [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations FAQ-Testing](#).

Public Health Notification Requirements

As of March 1, 2023, schools will no longer be expected to report individual COVID-19 cases to the County Public Health Department. [Reporting of outbreaks](#) to PHS will continue as required under California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 17, §2500 and §2508.

Based on Cal/OSHA mandates, employers must report all major outbreaks at any worksite to CAL/OSHA. ([Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Non-Emergency Regulations FAQ - Outbreaks](#))

