

Return to Learn: Guidance Following a Positive COVID-19 Symptom Screen



Any symptomatic individuals, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection, should isolate from symptom onset and pursue evaluation, including testing as soon as possible. If symptoms develop at school and point of care testing is available, testing may be performed following an initial assessment using the Addressing Symptoms at School tool.

Anyone who tests positive using any viral diagnostic test type (not antibody tests) should be treated as a case and should isolate. No additional test results can end a symptomatic positive individual's isolation period early. Some symptomatic individuals may require testing prior to returning to school.

FOR USE IN ALL SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE SETTINGS FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

Reminder:

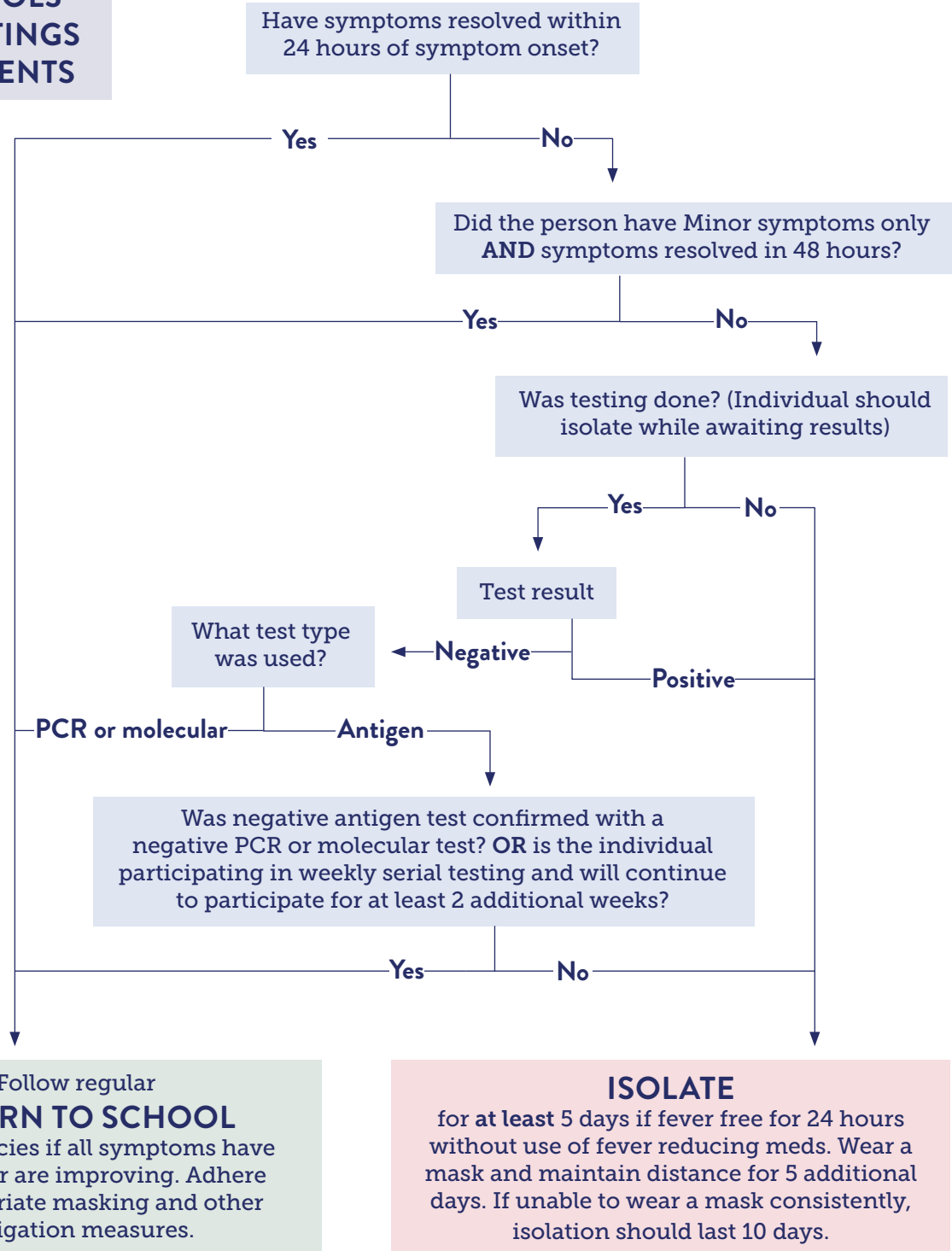
- Unchanged, usual symptoms of a known chronic condition should not prompt exclusion

Major Symptoms;

- Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4° F or greater
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell

Minor Symptoms:

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



Follow regular **RETURN TO SCHOOL** illness policies if all symptoms have resolved or are improving. Adhere to appropriate masking and other mitigation measures.

ISOLATE for at least 5 days if fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing meds. Wear a mask and maintain distance for 5 additional days. If unable to wear a mask consistently, isolation should last 10 days.



For questions about COVID-19 in educational settings, scan the QR code or email cdphe_COVID_School_Childcare@state.co.us



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