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## Close Contact Decision Trees Definitions



*The Quarantine and Isolation Decision Trees can be used for students and staff alike. As noted below, however, the definition of close contact can differ based on the person's role and distance from a COVID-19 positive person.*

### Close Contact Definitions:

Close contacts are people who spent 15+ cumulative minutes within 24 hours near a COVID-19 positive person. **The following situations meet the definition of close contact:**

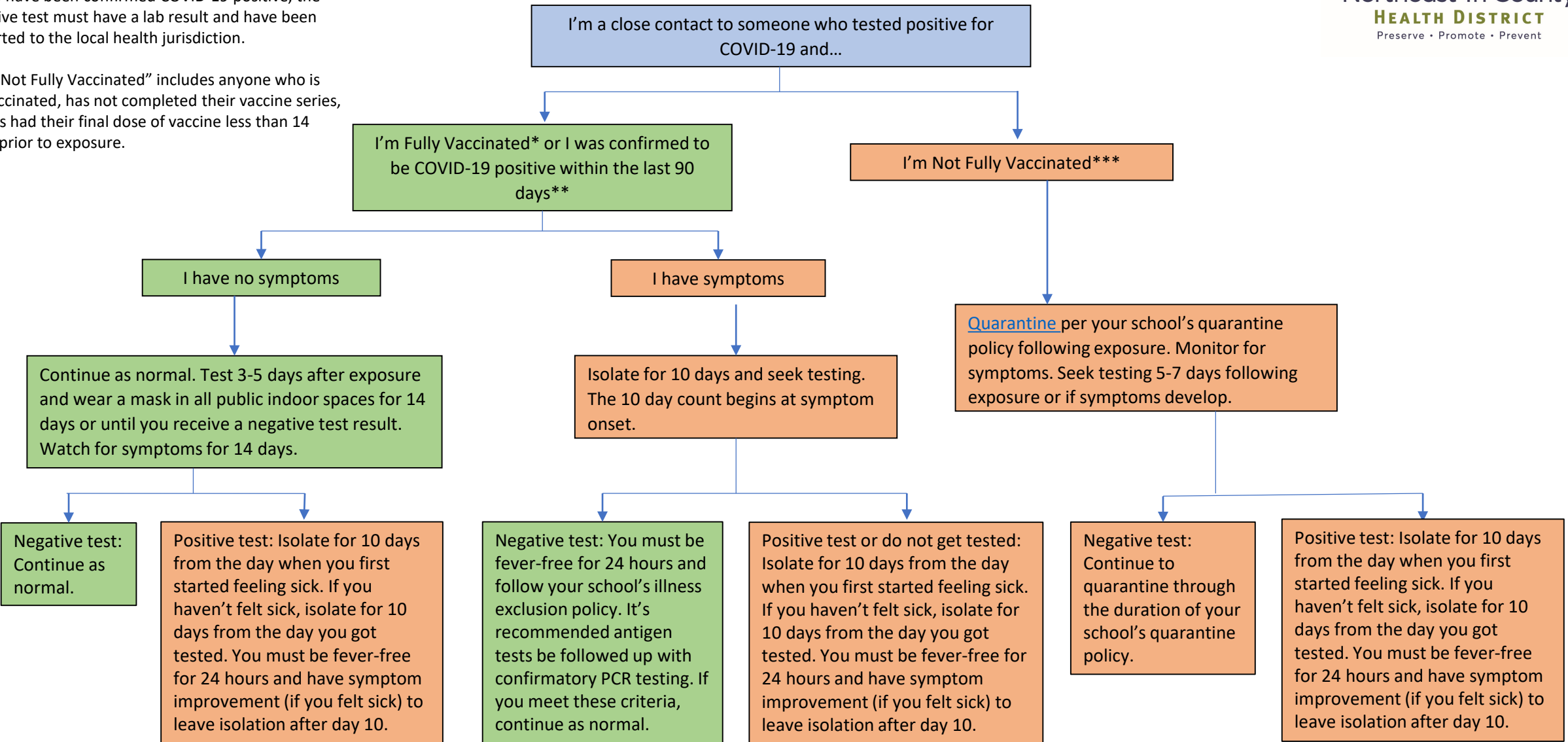
- Students 0'-3' from a COVID-19 positive student in a classroom regardless of mask usage.
- Students 3'-6' from a COVID-19 positive student in a classroom when either is improperly wearing a mask.
- Students 0'-6' from a COVID-19 positive student in any setting other than a classroom (e.g., cafeteria, outside, sports, transportation), regardless of mask use.
- Adults 0'-6' from a COVID-19 positive student or adult in any setting including a classroom regardless of mask usage.
- Household member(s) of a COVID-19 positive student or adult.

### Quarantine:

- Quarantine should last for 14 days after the last close contact with the COVID-19 positive person. **This is the safest option.** Monitor for symptoms during this time, and if any COVID-19 symptoms develop during the 14 days, get tested.
- If 14 days is not possible, quarantine can last for 10 days after the last close contact, without additional testing required. However, if any COVID-19 symptoms develop during the 10 days, remain in quarantine the full 14 days and get tested. Continue monitoring for symptoms until day 14.
- Quarantine can end after 7 full days beginning after the last close contact if no symptoms have developed and after receiving a negative test result. The test should occur no sooner than 48 hours (2 days) before ending quarantine. Continue monitoring for symptoms until day 14.
- If your school has selected a test to stay option, quarantine can end after successful completion of the approved protocol.

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## Close Contact: Quarantine and Isolation Tree



\* "Fully Vaccinated" is defined as 14 or more days AFTER the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna OR 14 or more days AFTER the single dose J&J.

\*\* To have been confirmed COVID-19 positive, the positive test must have a lab result and have been reported to the local health jurisdiction.

\*\*\* "Not Fully Vaccinated" includes anyone who is unvaccinated, has not completed their vaccine series, or has had their final dose of vaccine less than 14 days prior to exposure.

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## Symptomatic But Not A Known Close Contact: Quarantine and Isolation Tree



This decision tree applies regardless of vaccination status.  
I'm **NOT** a known close contact to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 but I have one or more of these symptoms...

- Fever (>100.4°F) or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Cough

- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Sore throat

Get tested and receive a negative COVID-19 test

Get tested and receive a positive COVID-19 test

Choose not to get tested for COVID-19

I only had one of these symptoms

I had more than one of these symptoms

Follow your school's illness exclusion policy. If you are at high risk for COVID-19 and your negative test was done via a rapid antigen test, getting a follow up PCR test is recommended.

Isolate for 10 days beginning at symptom onset date. You must be fever-free for 24 hours and have symptom improvement to leave isolation at day 10. Refer back to close contact flow chart for schools.

Isolate for 10 days beginning at symptom onset date. You must be fever-free for 24 hours and have symptom improvement to leave isolation at day 10.

The symptom resolved within 24 hours

The symptom did not resolve within 24 hours

Isolate and seek testing. Follow the tree branch on the left side of this page.

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