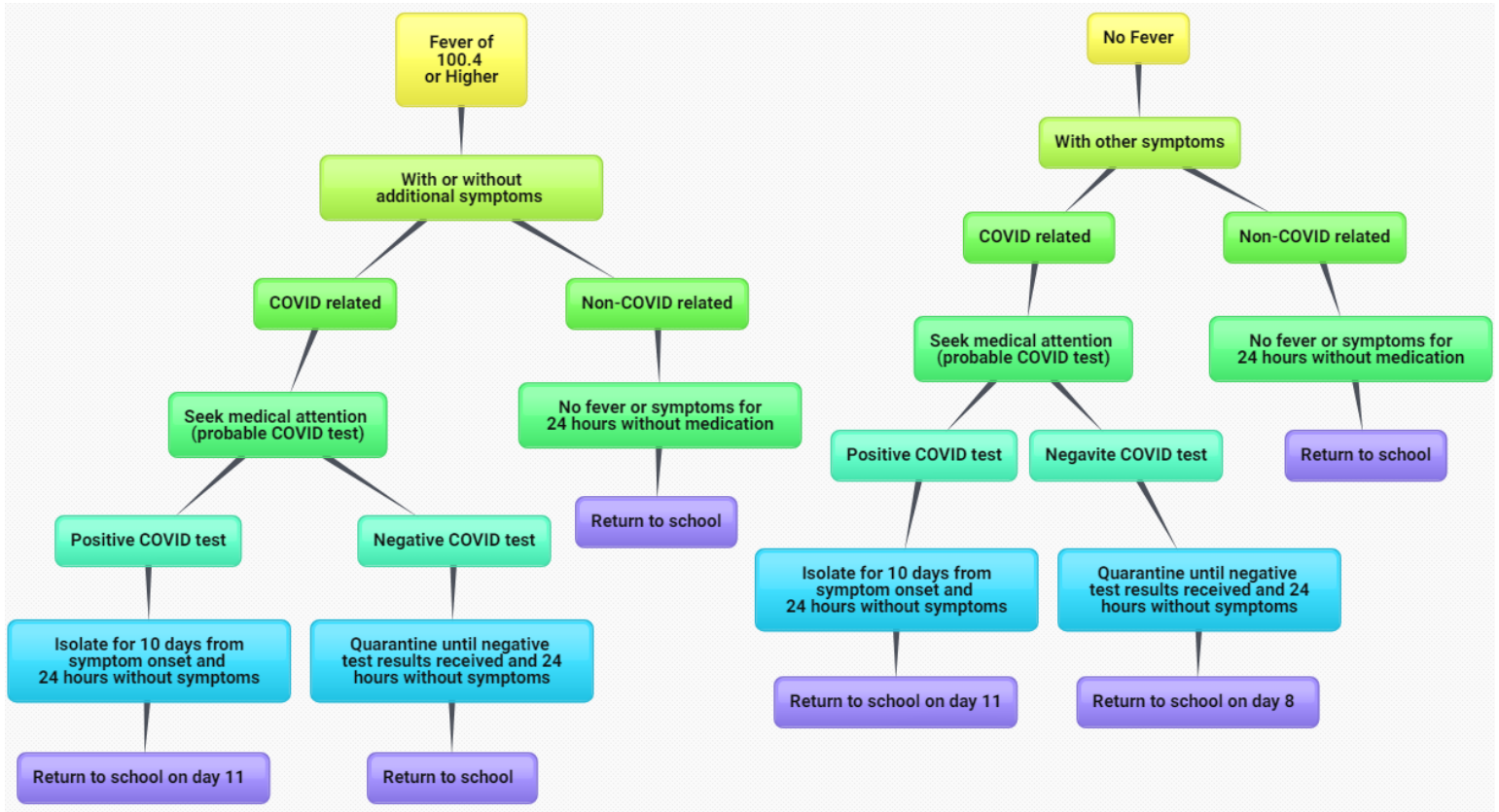


COOK COUNTY SCHOOLS

RETURN GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

Students with COVID-19 Symptoms Flowchart



- Symptoms:**
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| Chills | Cough |
| Fatigue | Diarrhea |
| Headache | Sore throat |
| Nausea or vomiting | Muscle or body aches |
| New loss of taste or smell | Congestion or runny nose |
| Shortness of breath | Difficulty breathing |
| Fever above 100.4 degrees | Feeling feverish |

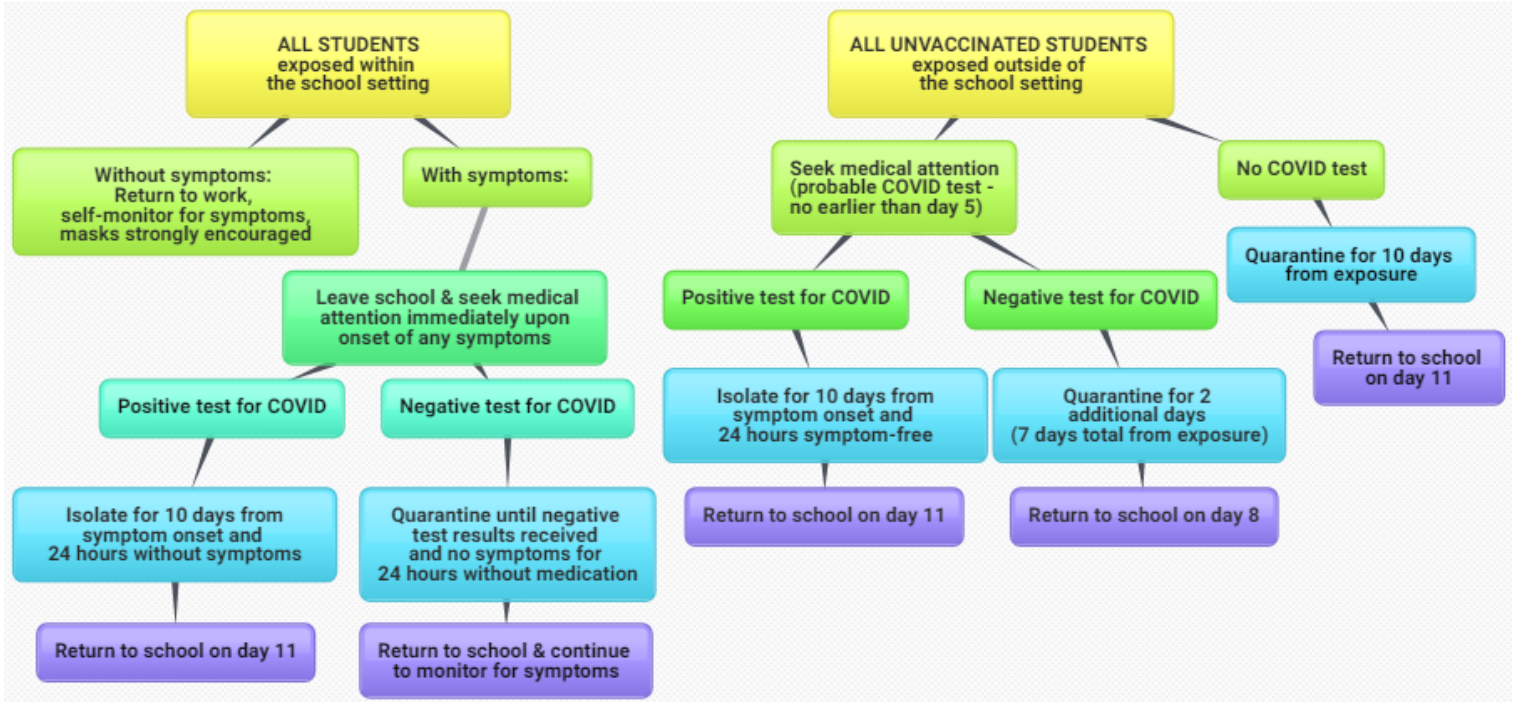
Students Exposed to a Confirmed Case of COVID-19 Flowchart

*Anyone tested for COVID-19 must remain quarantined until negative results are received.

* Unvaccinated students living with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 must remain quarantined for 10 days from the date of exposure.

*Fully vaccinated students with no symptoms are not required to quarantine.

*Exposure count begins the day after contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.



Exposure:

Being in close contact with someone with COVID-19...

*Living in the same house with someone who has COVID-19

*Caring for a person sick with COVID-19

*Being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for about 15 continuous or combined minutes

*Being in direct contact with secretions from a person sick with COVID-19 (coughed on, kissing, sharing utensils, etc.)

Students Exposed to a Confirmed Case of COVID-19

Frequently Asked Questions

What if my child is exposed at school?

Students who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 at school are not required to quarantine as long as they do not have symptoms. Students' names will be placed on the school watch list for monitoring.

- ❖ We will continue to notify the parents of students who meet the “exposed” criteria; however, they will not be quarantined if they do not display symptoms.
- ❖ Symptoms include fever (over 100.4), chills, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, headache, loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea.
- ❖ If a student begins to show symptoms or is later diagnosed as COVID-19 positive, they must stay home and continue to follow CDC Guidelines for self-monitoring and quarantining.
- ❖ Parents who wish to quarantine their child at home may do so. Any exposed student quarantined for suspected symptoms by school staff or a parent will be coded as Quarantined, and the absence will be excused.

What if my child is exposed at home or away from school?

Vaccinated students who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they show no symptoms and meet the criteria below:

- ❖ The student is fully vaccinated for COVID-19 (greater than 2 weeks following second dose in a two-dose series or greater than 2 weeks following one dose of a single-dose vaccine), AND
- ❖ The student does not experience any symptoms since current COVID-19 exposure. -OR-
- ❖ The student has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered, AND
- ❖ The student does not develop new symptoms.
- ❖ Students who meet these criteria should still monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days.

Unvaccinated students who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, students who show symptoms, and students diagnosed as COVID-19 positive should quarantine from school and all extracurricular activities. They may return to school after 7 full days have passed since their most recent exposure if they fulfill ALL THREE of the following criteria. NOTE: The day of exposure is day 0.

- ❖ The student tests for COVID-19 (PCR/molecular or antigen test) no earlier than day 5 of quarantine, AND
- ❖ The student receives a negative result, AND
- ❖ The student does not experience any COVID-19 symptoms during the quarantine period. -OR-
- ❖ After 10 full days have passed since the most recent exposure if the student is not tested for COVID-19 and they do not experience any COVID symptoms during the quarantine period.
- ❖ Any exposed student quarantined for suspected symptoms by DPH, school staff, or a parent will be coded as Quarantined, and the absence will be excused.