

Note: This document replaces and supersedes the document titled "COVID-19 Positive Test in School!"

## Section A: A person tests positive for COVID-19

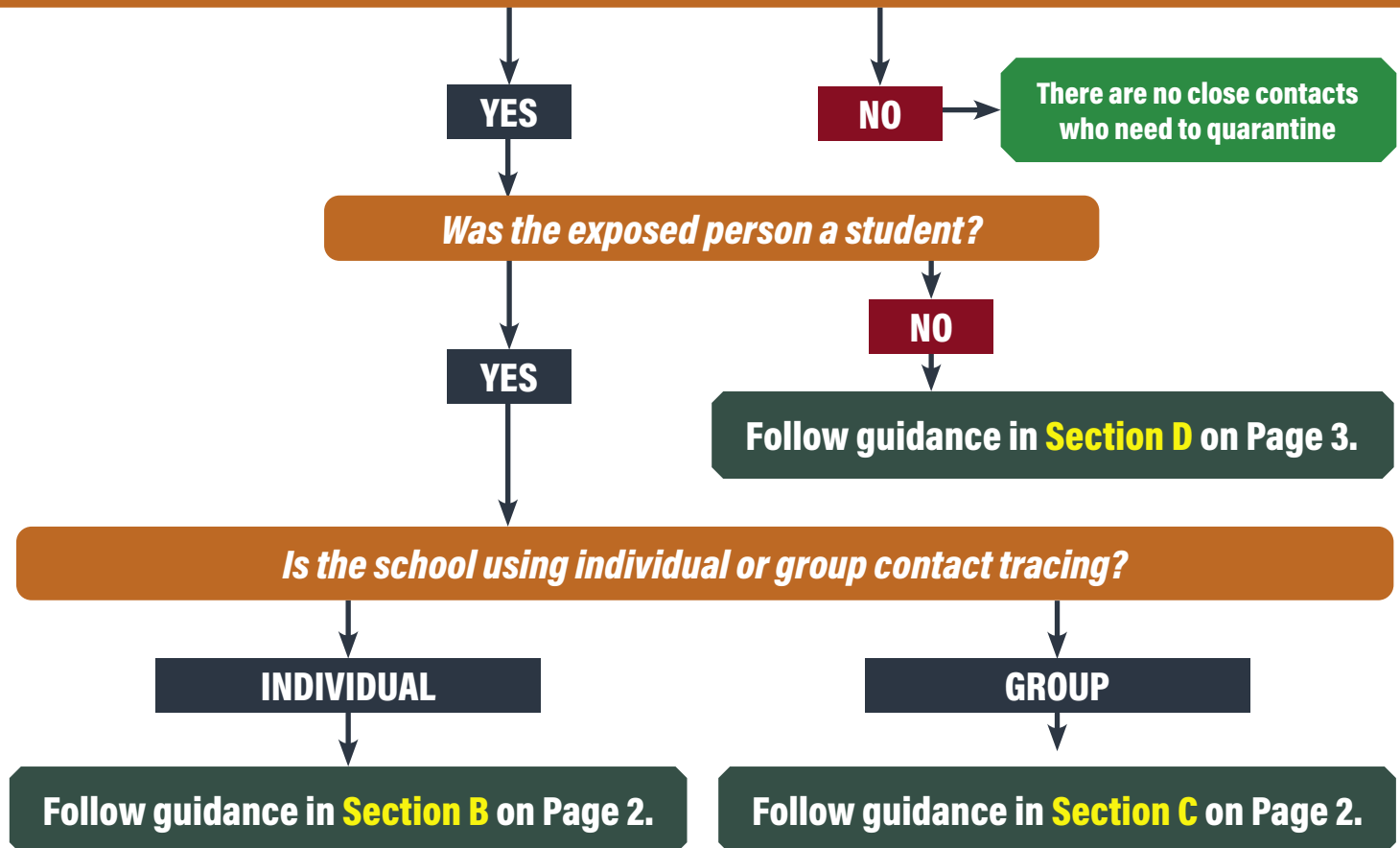
Regardless of vaccination status or symptoms, the person must:

- ▶ **Stay home for at least 5 days.**
- ▶ Isolation can end after day 5 and person may return to school/work on day 6 if:
  - ▶ Symptoms are not present or are resolving; **and**
  - ▶ a test\* collected on day 5 or later is negative.
- ▶ If **unable to test, choosing not to test, or testing positive on day 5**, and no symptoms, isolation can end after day 10.
- ▶ If fever is present, isolation should be continued until fever resolves for at least 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medications.
- ▶ If symptoms, other than fever, are not resolving continue to isolate until symptoms are resolving or until after day 10.
- ▶ Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings

**\*Antigen test preferred. Home tests are not acceptable for return to work/school.**

### Did the positive person expose anyone else at school?

*Was the person within 6 feet of anyone else for >15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 48 hours before symptom onset or positive test? In a **group tracing environment**, did the person share an indoor space, such as a classroom, with students for >15 minutes over 24 hours?*



## Section B: School is using individual tracing

*Has the exposed student been fully vaccinated,\* or been previously infected with a lab-confirmed case of SARS-COV-2 within the last 90 days?*

**YES**

**No quarantine;** Wear a well fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings. If symptoms develop, test and stay home.

**Vaccinated students** should test on day 5.

**Previously infected students** do not need to test unless symptoms develop.

**Modified Quarantine:** Asymptomatic exposed student may continue in-person instruction only and must test 2x per week for 10 days<sup>^</sup>; no sports, community or extracurricular activities until end of quarantine. Masking required during duration of quarantine period. (May shorten quarantine to 5 days if negative test on or after day 5.)

**NO**

*Were both the positive person and exposed student wearing masks during school exposure?*

**YES**

**NO**

Exposed student should quarantine for 10 days after last exposure. If negative test on day 5 or later, student may return to school on day 6. Masking required during duration of quarantine period

<sup>^</sup>Recommended testing cadence is immediately after learning of exposure, then every three days after that.

## Section C: School is using group tracing

- ▶ All students who were in the same shared indoor space (e.g., a classroom) for >15 minutes over 24 hours with a confirmed case are considered part of the exposed group, **regardless of vaccination status** or recent previous infection.
- ▶ Exposed students, regardless of vaccination status or recent previous infection, should test at least once on day 3-5 after exposure.
- ▶ Exposed students who participate in testing **may continue to take part in all school activities**, including sports and other extracurricular activities, as long as they test negative and do not develop symptoms.
- ▶ Exposed students who remain in school and extra-curricular activities should otherwise follow home quarantine instructions and wear a well fitted mask in all public places.

- ▶ Students who **show symptoms of COVID-19** should stay home until CDPH criteria is met:
  - ▶ At least 24 hours have passed since fever subsides (without fever-reducing medication);
  - ▶ Other symptoms have improved/subsided; and
  - ▶ Student has a negative COVID-19 test or healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative diagnosis.

- ▶ Students who do not participate in testing should quarantine at home for 10 days after last exposure. Masking is required during duration of quarantine period.
- ▶ **Any student who tests positive** should isolate at home and follow the guidelines of Section A on Page 1.

- ▶ **Exception:** If an **unvaccinated student** and the positive person **were not both wearing masks** during exposure, the unvaccinated exposed student should quarantine for 10 days, the same as in Section B. If negative test on day 5 or later, student may return to school on day 6. Masking is required for the duration of quarantine period.

## Section D: Exposed person was NOT a student

### A person who is **boosted, vaccinated but not booster-eligible, or was positive in the past 90 days\***:

- ▶ **Does not need to quarantine**
- ▶ Test on day 5.
- ▶ Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
- ▶ If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations.
- ▶ If symptoms develop, test and stay home.

### A person who is **booster-eligible but has not received a booster yet\***:

- ▶ **In a workplace setting, asymptomatic** employees in this category may come to work as long as:
  - ▶ A negative diagnostic test is obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure to a case
  - ▶ Employee wears a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days
  - ▶ Employee continues to have no symptoms.
- ▶ In all other settings, the person should quarantine as described below. Quarantine can end on day 5 with a negative test on or after day 5.

### All others:

- ▶ **Stay home for at least 5 days** after last contact with a person who has COVID-19.
- ▶ Test on day 5.
- ▶ Quarantine can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen collected on day 5 or later tests negative.
- ▶ If unable to test or choosing not to test, **and** no symptoms, quarantine can end after day 10.
- ▶ Wear a well-fitting mask around others for a total of 10 days, especially in indoor settings.
- ▶ If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations.
- ▶ If symptoms develop, test and stay home.

## Section E: A person (staff or student) was exposed outside of supervised school setting

**Vaccinated\* student:** Does not need to quarantine; test on day 5. Wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days, especially in indoor settings. If testing positive, follow isolation recommendations. If symptoms develop, test and stay home.

**Non-vaccinated student:** Exposed student should quarantine for 10 days after last exposure. If negative test on day 5 or later, student may return to school on day 6.

**Staff:** Follow Section D guidelines above.

### \*Vaccination Definitions

Fully vaccinated for **students** means it has been **at least 2 weeks** since their second dose. Students **do not need to be boosted** to be considered vaccinated, even if they are eligible.

An **employee** is fully vaccinated if it has been **at least 2 weeks** since their second dose of a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or since their first dose of a J&J vaccine.

An **employee** is booster-eligible if it has been more than **5 months** since second Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or more than **2 months** since initial J&J vaccine.

Antigen Tests preferred for ending isolation/quarantine. **Home tests are not acceptable** for shortened quarantine, shortened isolation, modified quarantine, or return to work/school.