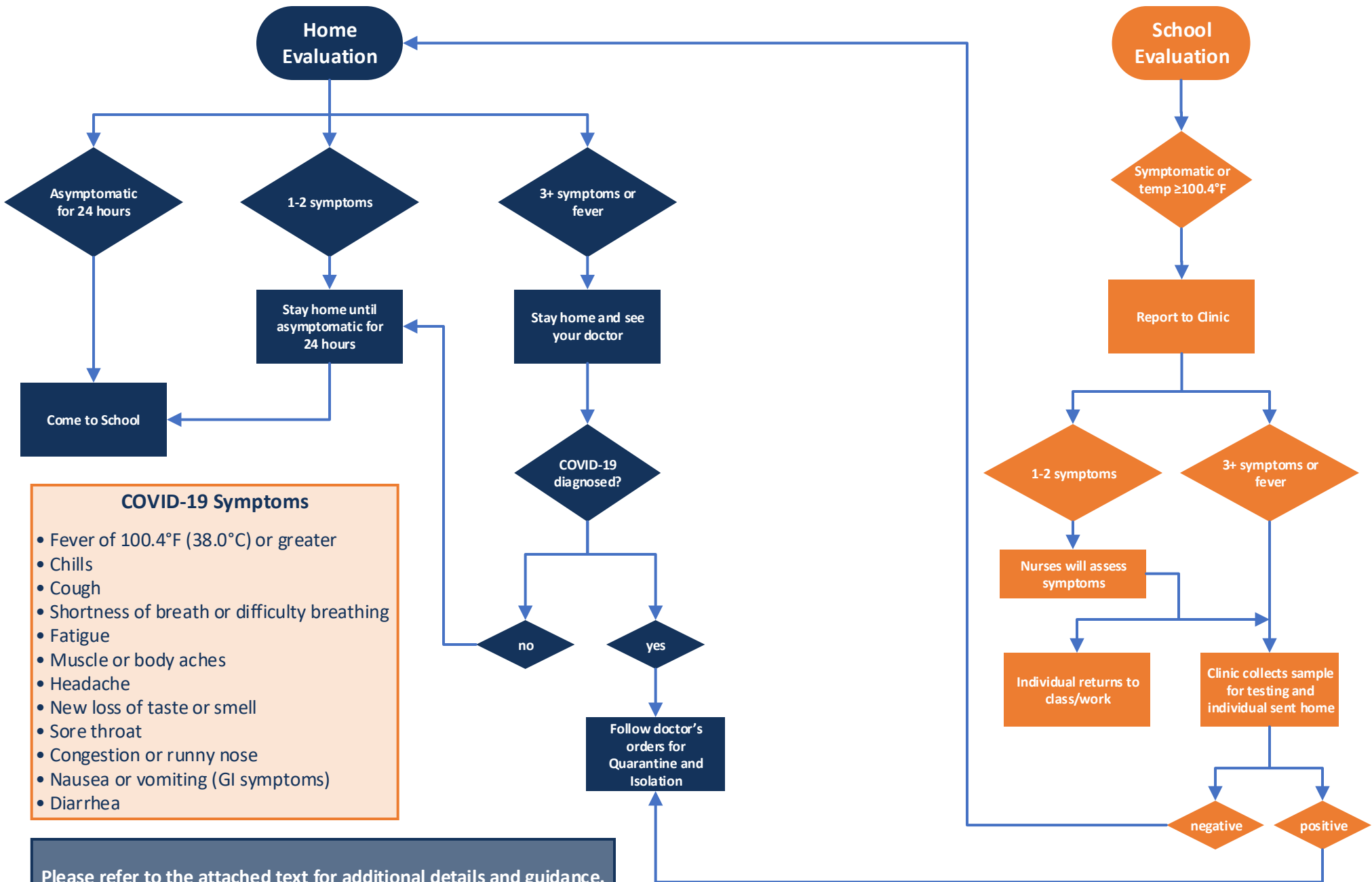


DECISION TREE: COVID-19 EVALUATION

In the event of a positive case we will consult with a team of medical and public health authorities on appropriate measures to protect the health and safety of the community.





Possible COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4°F (38.0°C) or greater
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting (GI symptoms)
- Diarrhea

Home Evaluation Rules

- Before coming onto campus each day, all persons must perform (or have a parent perform) a self-evaluation to determine that they exhibit none of the symptoms listed above.
- No person (student or staff) may come to school if he or she has experienced a fever of 100.4°F or higher within the previous 24 hours.
- Anyone who has experienced fewer than three of the listed symptoms may return to school after being asymptomatic (without any medication) for at least 24 hours.
- Anyone who has experienced three or more of the listed symptoms **MUST** be seen by a physician and bring a note to the divisional office or department director expressing permission to return to school or work.

If symptomatic at school

- Anyone arriving at school with a fever of 100.4°F or higher will be tested and sent home. Fellow carpool riders will not be sent home, although they will be considered “contacts” should the test come back positive.
- If a student or employee experiences any of the above symptoms at school, he or she must report to the clinic for further evaluation.
 - Anyone who has a fever **or** who displays three or more of the other listed symptoms will be tested, isolated, and sent home as soon as possible to await the results of testing. Anyone testing positive will follow the guidelines of the “COVID diagnosis” section below. Those testing negative must follow the Home Evaluation rules.
 - Anyone displaying one or two symptoms will be evaluated by the nursing staff. If, in their judgment, the symptoms are minor, they may administer medication or recommend other actions (e.g., rest or hydration) and monitor the patient for further symptoms. If minor symptoms improve, the patient may return to class or work. However, the clinic staff will err on the side of conservatism and may administer a test and then send the patient home as soon as possible. Anyone sent home must follow Home Evaluation rules.

Non-household COVID contact

“Contact” is defined as spending 15 minutes or more within six feet of someone who is diagnosed with COVID, starting two days before that person tested positive or became symptomatic.

- Anyone who comes into “contact” with a COVID-positive person outside of school must self-quarantine for 14 days starting from the date of last contact. If a person in quarantine has remained completely asymptomatic after contact with the COVID positive, they may return to campus after ten days of quarantine. That period may be further decreased to seven days if the person remains asymptomatic and tests negative, through the school’s testing procedure, with a test given no fewer than five days after the last contact with a COVID positive.

COVID in the household

- Anyone living in the same household as someone diagnosed with COVID must self-quarantine for 14 days after the COVID-positive patient has been released from isolation. The duration may be decreased as described in the paragraph regarding non-household contact.
 - The only exception to this requirement is if the COVID-positive patient is completely isolated from the rest of the household (i.e., no contact, shared spaces, time spent together, etc.). In that case, a person must self-quarantine for 14 days following the last contact with the COVID-positive household member before returning to school, a period which may be decreased as described in the paragraph regarding non-household contact.

COVID diagnosis

- Anyone diagnosed with COVID must follow a doctor’s orders regarding isolation and quarantine. Although the current CDC guideline calls for ten days of isolation, we will require anyone diagnosed with COVID, either by a doctor or by any positive test, to remain off campus for 14 days. We do not require a negative test to return to campus, and will not test any positive cases for 90 days after their diagnosis.
- We would request that any positive diagnosis be reported to the clinic.
- Upon being made aware of a positive case among students or employees, the school will immediately inform the Virginia Department of Health and undertake a contact-tracing exercise. Areas of focus will be fellow bus riders, classmates and teachers, and any other close contacts. Any such contacts will be advised of the possible exposure, and steps will be recommended based on the level of contact (e.g., all fellow bus riders or classmates would likely not need to quarantine, although anyone who sat in close proximity to the positive case may be tested by the school and may need to shift to distance learning depending upon separation from the positive case).
- Some of our classrooms have seats spaced five feet apart. If a student in one of these classes tests positive, those sitting closest (within five feet) will need to switch to distance learning. They will be allowed to test with the next round of testing (but not less than four days following their last contact with the positive case) and may return to campus with a negative test result.
- In other classrooms (those with six-foot spacing), families of those students sitting closest to a positive case will be informed of that fact, and will be offered the opportunity to have their child tested during the next weekly cycle. Those students will not, however, need to stay at home solely based on sitting close to a student who has tested positive.