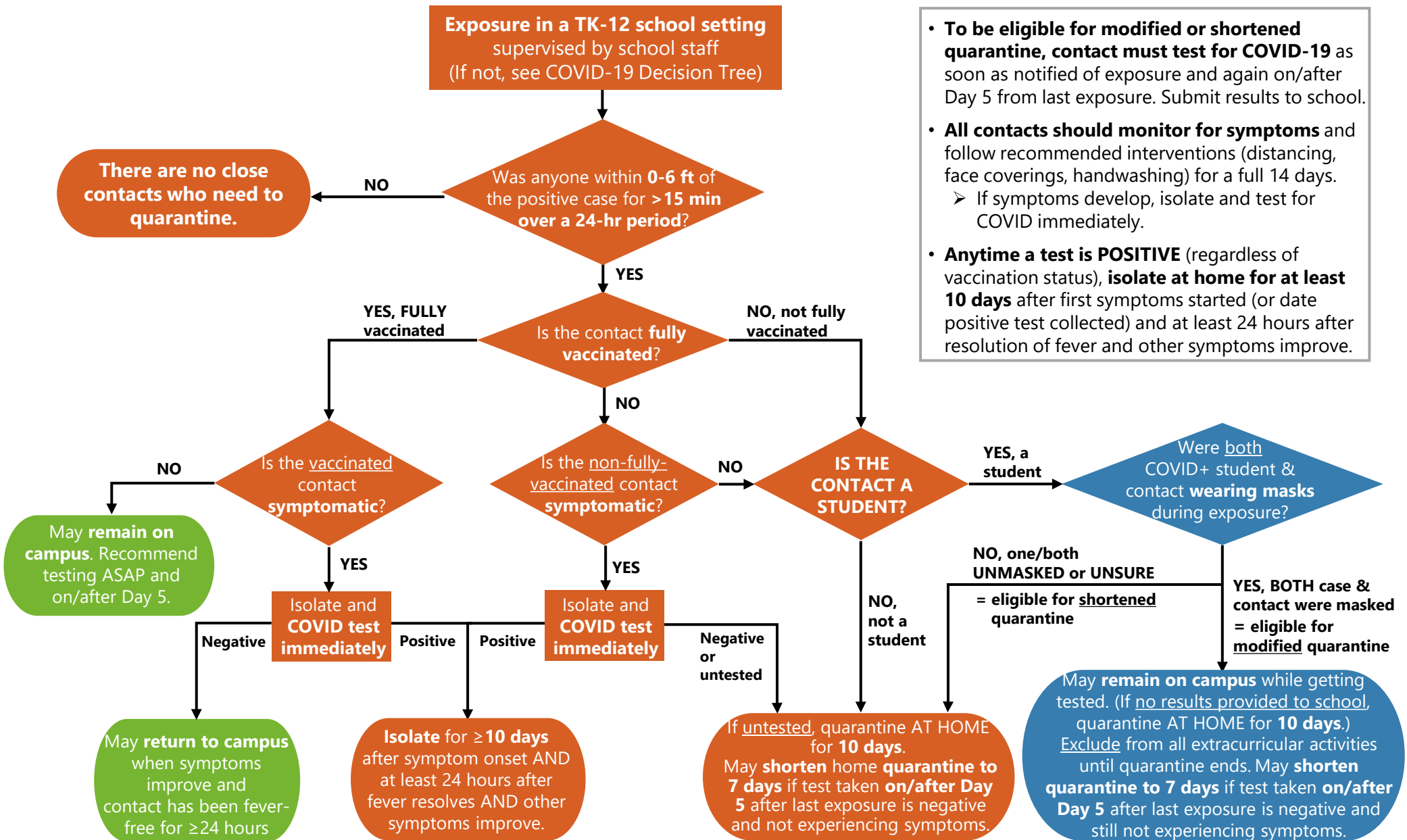


# TK-12 School-Based Exposures – Decision Tree for Close Contacts (2021-2022)



- To be eligible for modified or shortened quarantine, contact must test for COVID-19 as soon as notified of exposure and again on/after Day 5 from last exposure. Submit results to school.
- All contacts should monitor for symptoms and follow recommended interventions (distancing, face coverings, handwashing) for a full 14 days.
  - If symptoms develop, isolate and test for COVID immediately.
- Anytime a test is POSITIVE (regardless of vaccination status), isolate at home for at least 10 days after first symptoms started (or date positive test collected) and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve.

1. If person is NOT a close contact but has COVID-like symptoms that are common to a variety of illnesses, **the person should get tested** and provide a negative test result to the school. A doctor's note can only be used in place of a negative test under very specific circumstances. See [Education page FAQs](#) (#18) for details.
2. A **close contact** is someone who was within 6 feet of the infected person for at least 15 minutes at any time beginning 2 days before the infected person had symptoms or tested positive. The exposure time can be 15 minutes of continuous contact with the infected person or repeated short-duration interactions with the infected person totaling 15 minutes within a 24-hour period.
3. Anytime a test is **positive** (regardless of vaccination status), **isolate at home** for at least **10 days** after the first symptoms started (or date positive test collected) and at least 24 hours after resolution of fever and other symptoms improve.
4. If the case is a **household (HH) member**, unvaccinated contact's quarantine starts immediately and extends for 7 days (if test on/after Day 5 is negative) or 10 days (without a test) from the day the case finishes isolation.