

NYSDOH COVID-19 In-Person Decision Making Flowsheet for Staff To Go To Work

Can I Go to Work at the School Today?

In the past 10 days, have you been tested for the virus that causes COVID-19, also known as SARS-CoV-2?

YES

Was the test result **positive** OR are you still waiting for the result?

YES

You **cannot** go to work at the school today and must stay in isolation (at home and away from others) until your test results are back and are **negative** OR if **positive**, the local health department has released you from isolation.

NO

In the last 14 days, have you:

- Traveled internationally to a **CDC level 2 or 3 COVID-19 related travel health notice country**; or
- Traveled to a state or territory on the **NYS Travel Advisory List**; or
- Been designated a contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 by a local health department?

YES

You **cannot** go to work at the school today.
If you have had any of these exposures, you must stay at home until your local health department releases you from quarantine, at least 14 days from the date of your last exposure. A negative diagnostic COVID-19 test does not change the 14-day quarantine requirement.
School staff are not essential workers and **must** quarantine.

NO

Do you currently have (or have had in the last 10 days) one or more of these new or worsening symptoms?

- A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C)
- Feel feverish or have chills
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headaches
- Nasal congestion/runny nose

YES

You **cannot** go to work at the school today.
You should be assessed by your health care provider (HCP). Call your HCP before going to any in-person visits to tell them about your COVID-19 symptoms. If you do not have a health care provider, call your local health department.

NO

You can go to work at the school today!
Make sure you wear a face covering or face mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands frequently.

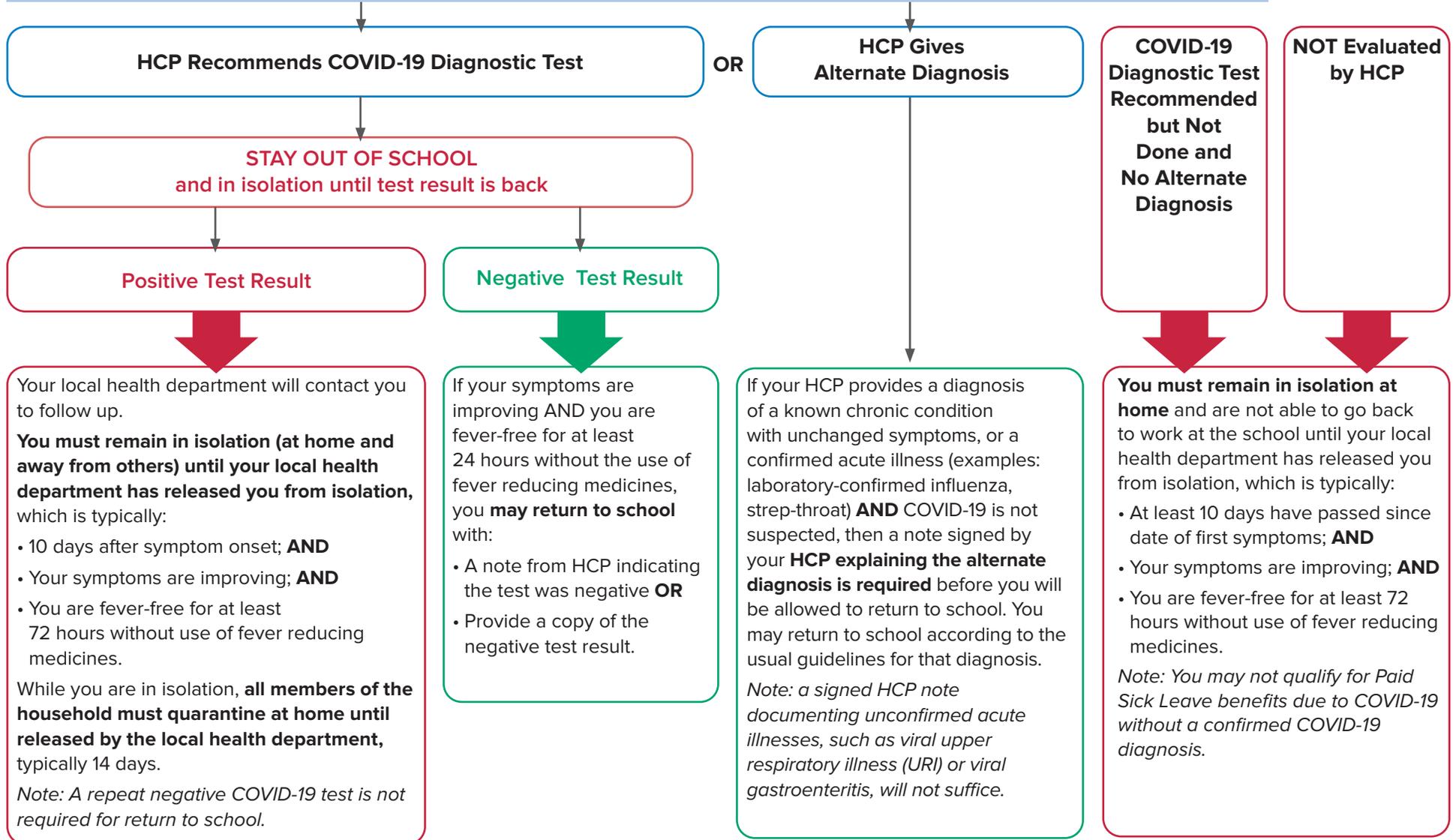
Report absences, symptoms, and positive COVID-19 test results to your school.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF YOU HAVE:

- Trouble breathing or are breathing very quickly
- Are too sick to drink fluids
- Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea or vomiting
- Change in skin color - becoming pale, patchy and/or blue
- Racing heart or chest pain
- Decreased urine output
- Lethargy, irritability, or confusion

I have COVID-19 symptoms. When can I go back to work at the school?

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER (HCP) EVALUATION FOR COVID-19 (can be in-person or by video/telephone as determined by HCP)



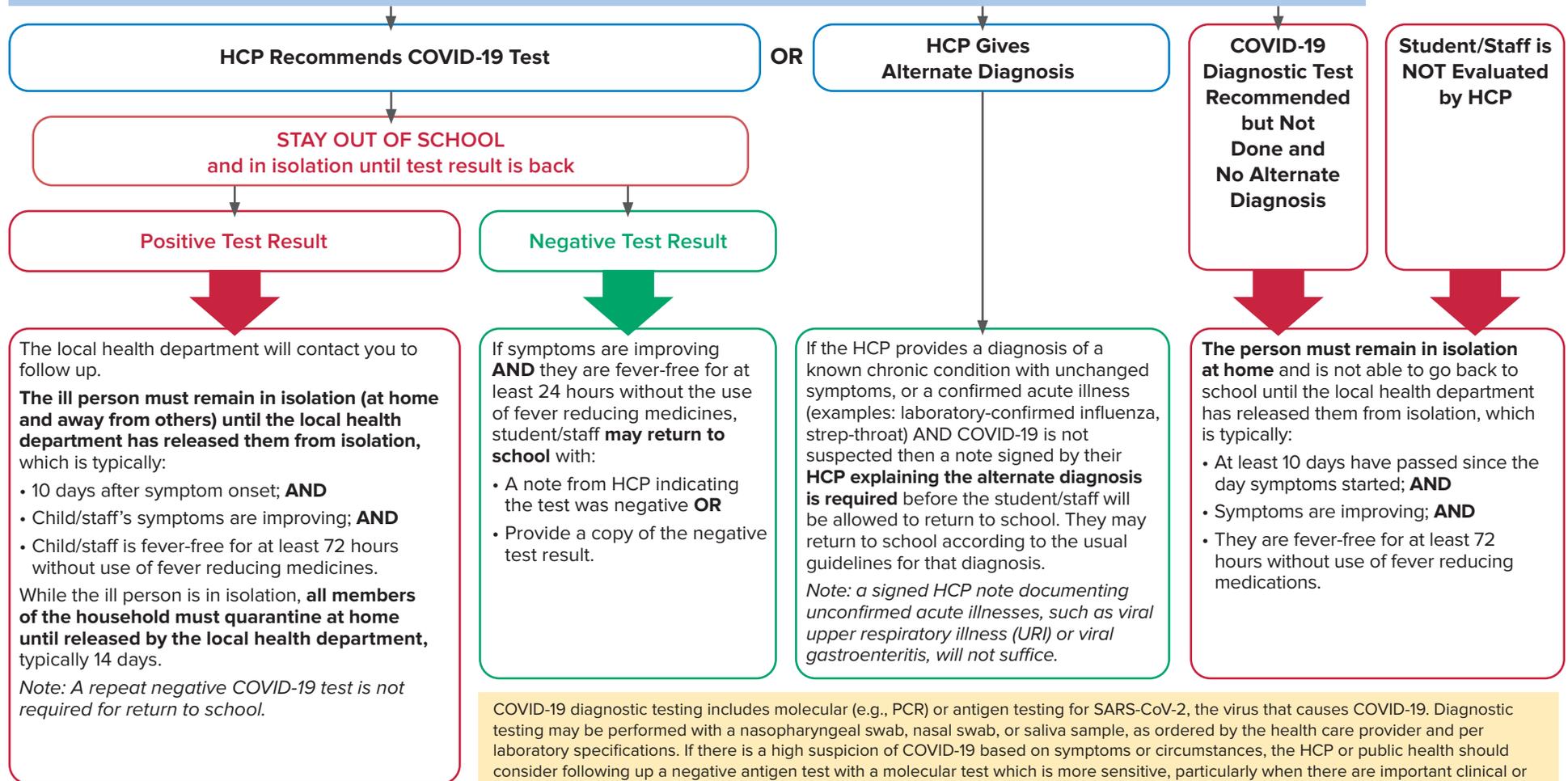
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COVID-19 Flowsheet for Student or Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms

Student/staff has symptoms consistent with COVID-19:

- Student/staff member should keep face mask on.
- Staff members should be sent home immediately.
- Students awaiting transport home by the parent/guardian must be isolated in a room or area separate from others, with a supervising adult present using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).
- School administration and the parent/guardian should be notified.
- Provide instructions that the individual must be seen by an HCP for evaluation and have COVID-19 testing (unless determined not necessary by HCP). If they do not have an HCP they should call their local health department.
- Schools should provide a list of local COVID-19 testing locations.
- Clean and disinfect area where the student/staff member was located.

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COVID-19 exclusion protocol for contacts of symptomatic students and staff

