

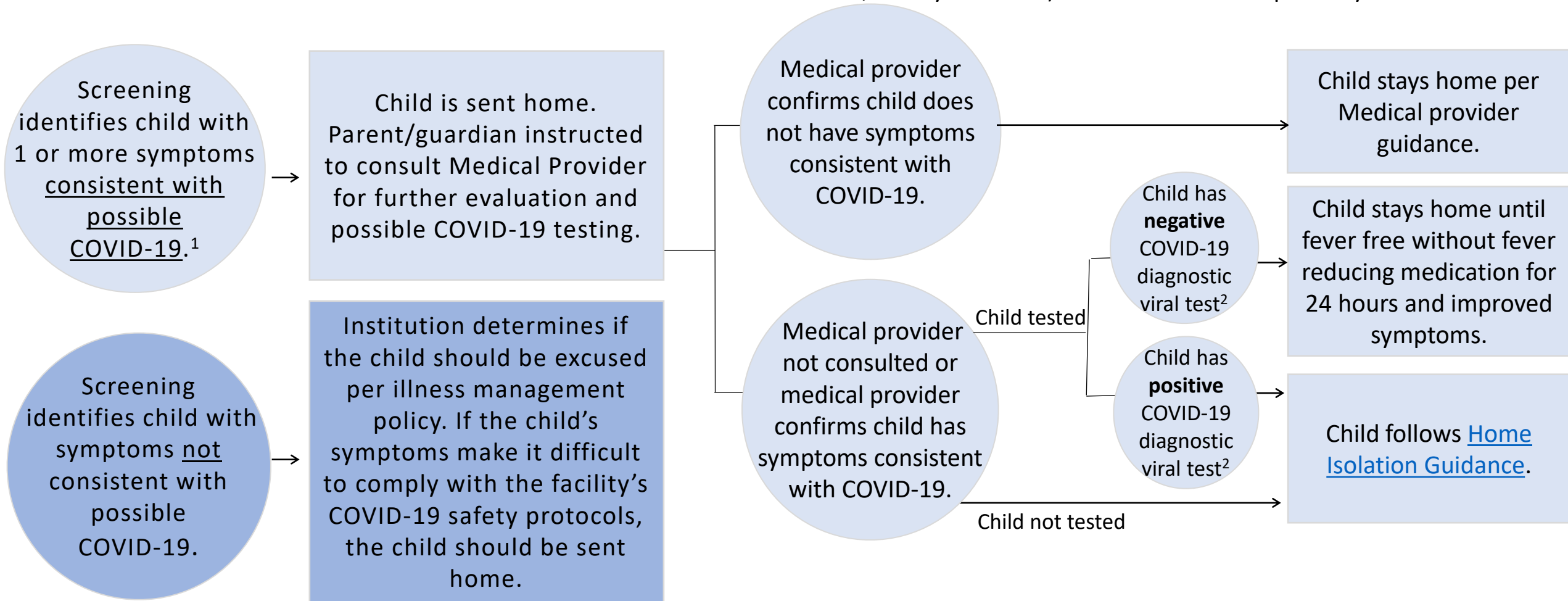
Decision Pathways for Symptoms in Early Care and Education Centers and TK-12 Schools

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Decision Pathway for *Children* with Symptoms

Decision Pathways for Children with Symptoms Prior to Entry¹ into an Educational Institution, regardless of vaccination status

¹If child becomes unwell at the facility, place child in an isolation area (physically distant from attendant, ideally outdoors) and follow decision pathways described below.



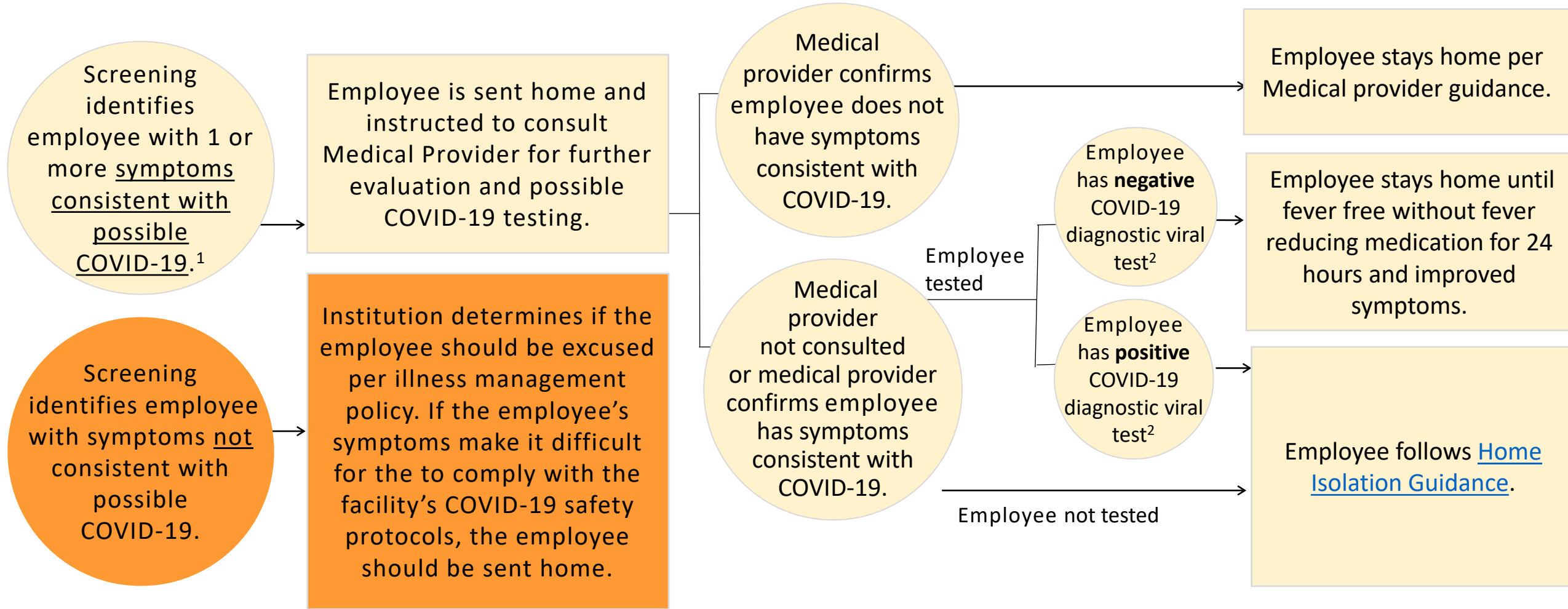
¹Symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection in children include: fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$; new cough (different from baseline); vomiting or any new onset diarrhea. If the child's symptoms are not consistent with possible COVID-19 but there is still concern, evaluation of the child by a medical provider is recommended.

²PCR test is preferred diagnostic test due to lower sensitivity of rapid antigen testing, however, either may be used.

Decision Pathway for *Employees* with Symptoms

Decision Pathways for Employees with Symptoms Prior to Entry¹ into an Educational Institution, regardless of vaccination status

¹If employee becomes unwell at the facility, place employee in an isolation area (ideally outdoors, physically distant from attendant) and follow decision pathways below.



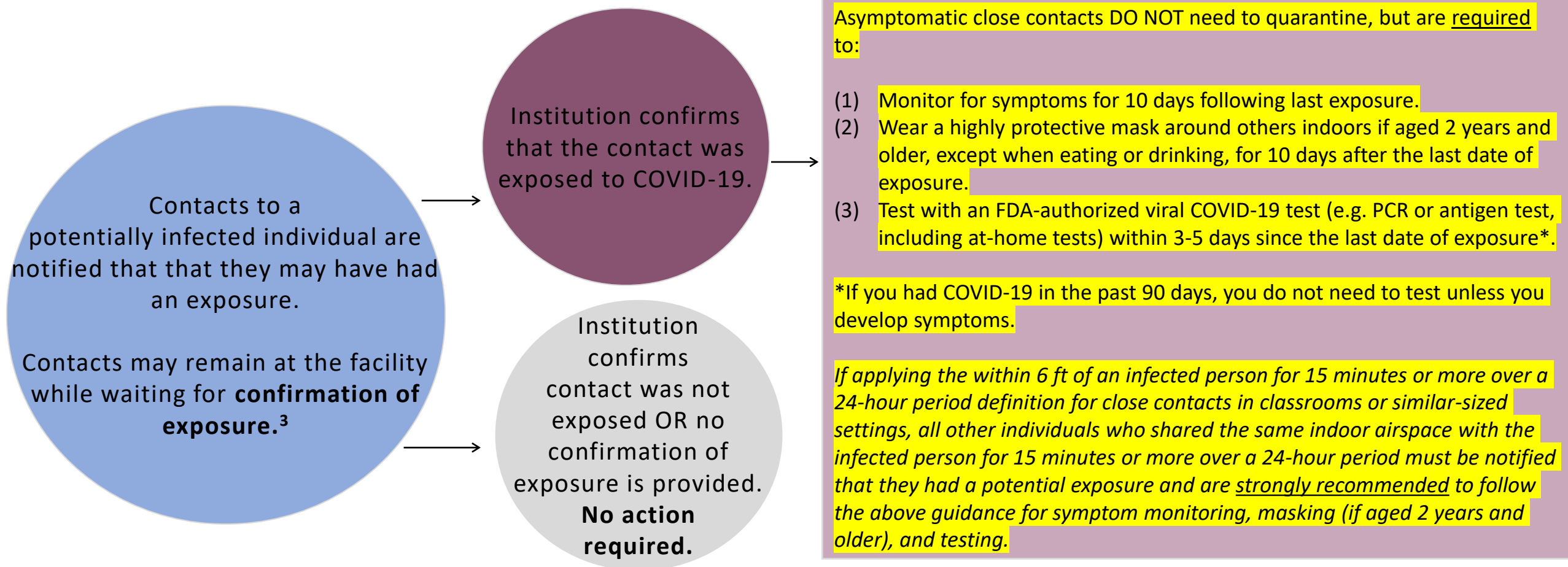
¹Symptoms associated with possible COVID-19 in adults: fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}$ or feeling feverish (chills, sweating); cough; shortness of breath; new loss of taste or smell; fatigue; runny or stuffy nose; muscle or body aches; headache; sore throat; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea. If the symptoms are not listed but there is still concern, additional evaluation by a medical provider is recommended.

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Decision Pathway for *Contacts (child/student or employee/staff) of a Potentially Infected Individual*

Decision Pathways for Contacts to a Potentially Infected Individual at an Educational Institution

A **potentially infected individual** is an individual with ≥ 1 symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19¹. In TK-12 and ECE settings, **close contacts of a potentially infected individual** are those that shared the same indoor airspace OR were within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period while they were infectious.²



¹**Symptoms** consistent with COVID-19 criteria differ for children and adults, see slide 3 for child criteria and slide 5 for adult criteria.

² There are different approaches for identifying close contacts in ECE, TK-12, and IHE settings. Refer to the exposure management plan corresponding to the setting for more details: [ECE](#), [TK-12](#), [IHE](#)

³**Exposure is confirmed** for a close contact to a potentially infected individual if the site receives notification that the potentially infected individual had a positive COVID-19 diagnostic viral test OR received a COVID-19 diagnosis from a medical provider.