

Parents or caregivers should be strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day. Students who are sick should not attend school in person.

SYMPTOMS (List 1) to monitor include:

- Temp of 100.4 or greater
- Sore throat
- NEW uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

Decisions to keep children home should also consider **CLOSE CONTACT/POTENTIAL EXPOSURES** (List 2)

- Close contact (within 6 ft of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19; OR
- Traveled or lived in area where large numbers of COVID-19 are being reported: OR
- Live in areas of high community transmission while the school remains open

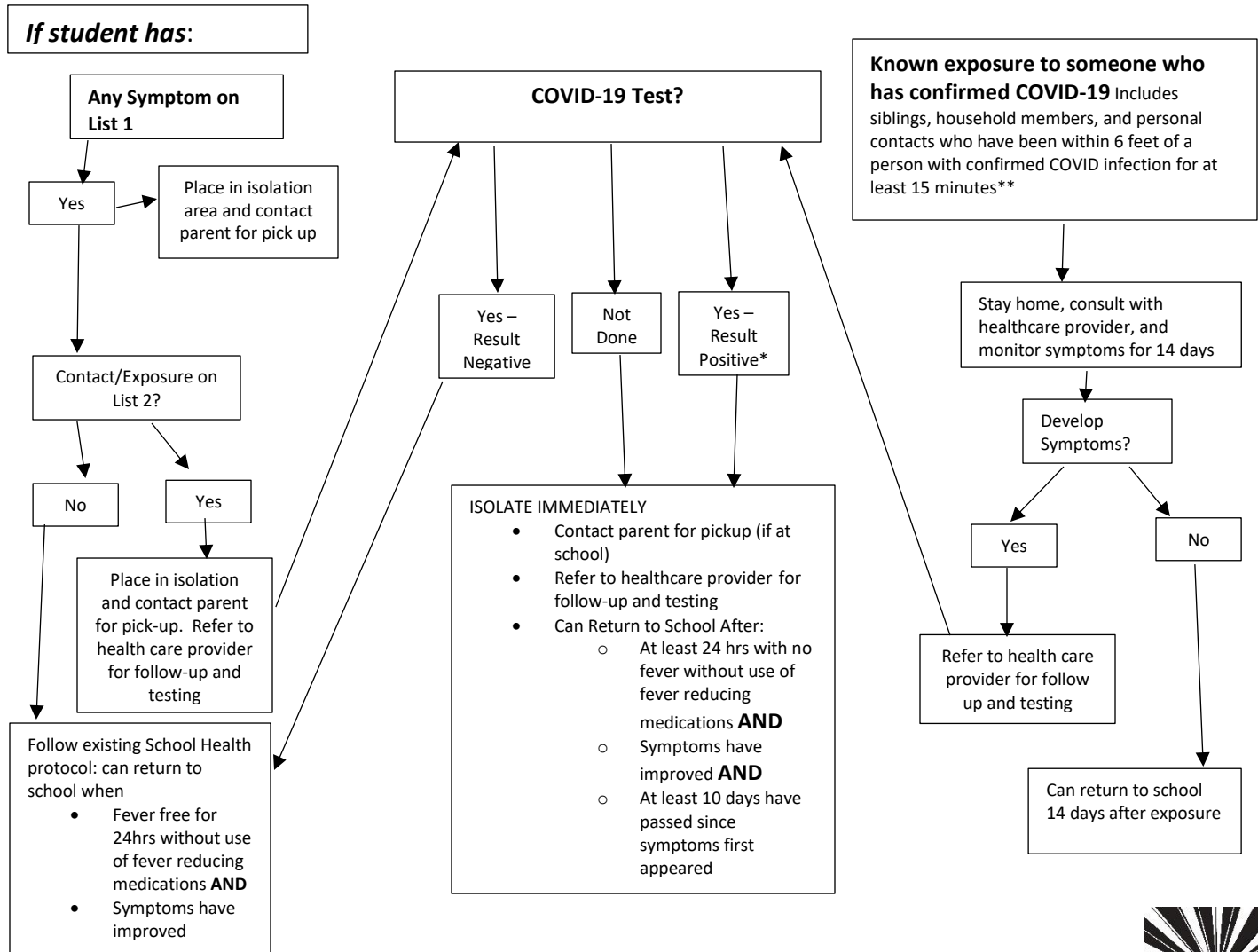
Students with any symptoms on List 1 but no exposures on List 2 may return to school when symptoms have improved and they are fever free for 24 hrs without the use of fever reducing medications.

Students with any symptoms on List 1 AND any exposure on List 2 should be referred for evaluation by their healthcare provider and possible testing

Additional information can be found on the CDC website (www.cdc.gov) or by contacting the Florida Department of Health Manatee

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SCHOOL HEALTH COVID-19 DECISION TREE FOR STUDENTS



**If student has a positive test but never develops symptoms, can return to school after 10 days have passed*

**If student has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 illness and has previously developed COVID-19 illness within the previous 3 months AND has recovered AND remains without COVID-19 symptoms – they do not need to stay home*

