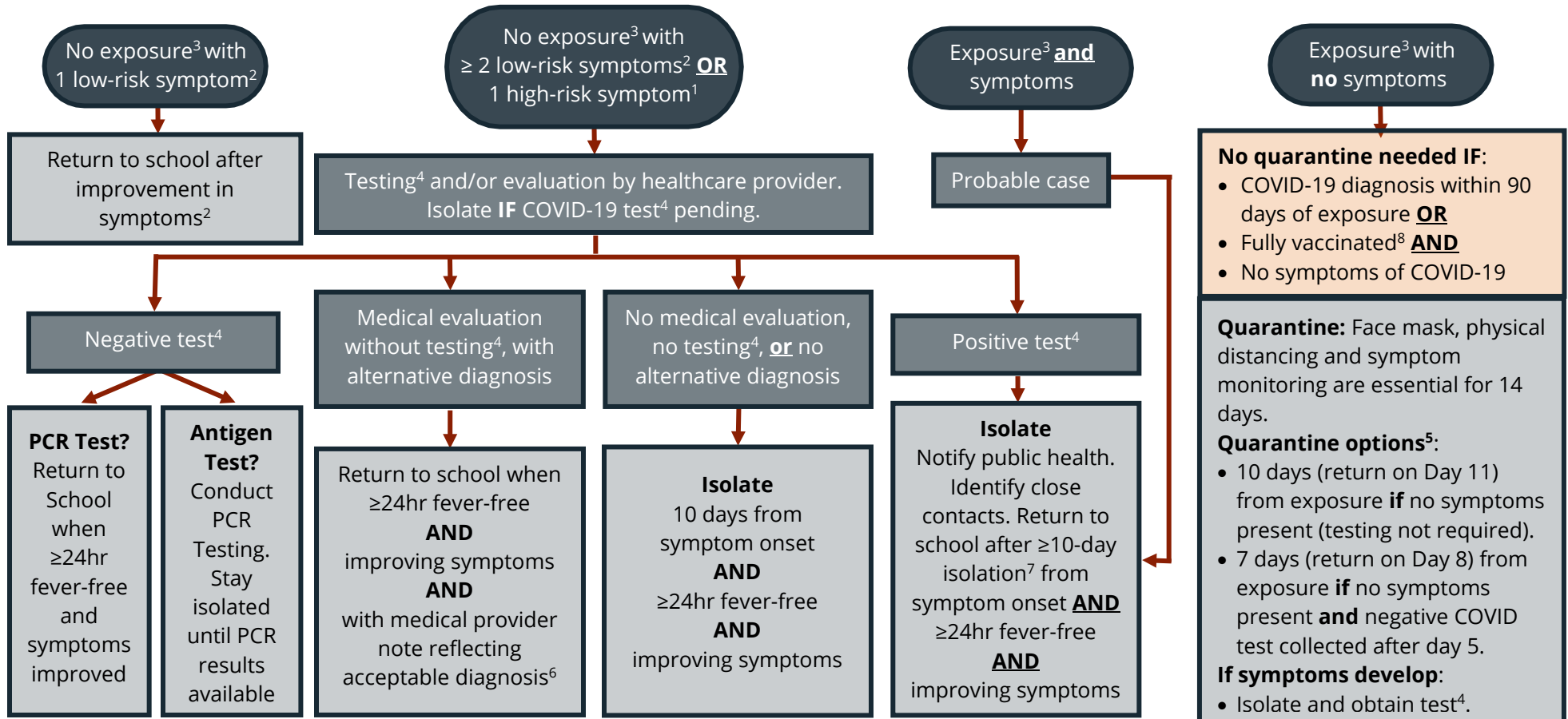


## Public Health COVID-19 Return to School Decision Support Algorithm

Symptoms of COVID-19 may include: **new cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, fever (>100.4 F)<sup>1</sup>, chills, congestion/runny nose, sore throat, headache, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain, fatigue<sup>2</sup>**



### <sup>1</sup> High risk symptoms

<sup>2</sup> **Low risk symptoms** not due to chronic conditions such as allergies, migraines, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Exposure defined as within 6 feet of a case for cumulative total of ≥15 minutes over 24-hr period.

<sup>4</sup> **Test** refers to SARS-CoV-2 PCR or antigen test. Antibody tests are not approved for return to school.

<sup>5</sup> A small risk of transmission still exists until 14 days past exposure. Mask use, physical distancing and symptom monitoring is important through day 14.

<sup>6</sup> Examples of acceptable diagnoses would include urinary tract infection, strep throat confirmed by positive strep test, rash from poison ivy, etc. Diagnoses of respiratory and viral conditions such as upper respiratory tract infection (URI), pneumonia, pharyngitis without positive strep test, viral illness, etc. **DO NOT** exclude the diagnosis of COVID-19 and **DO NOT JUSTIFY RETURN TO SCHOOL.**

<sup>7</sup> Consult CDC guidance if severely ill or immunocompromised.

<sup>8</sup> Someone is considered fully vaccinated if they are ≥2 weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series or ≥2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.