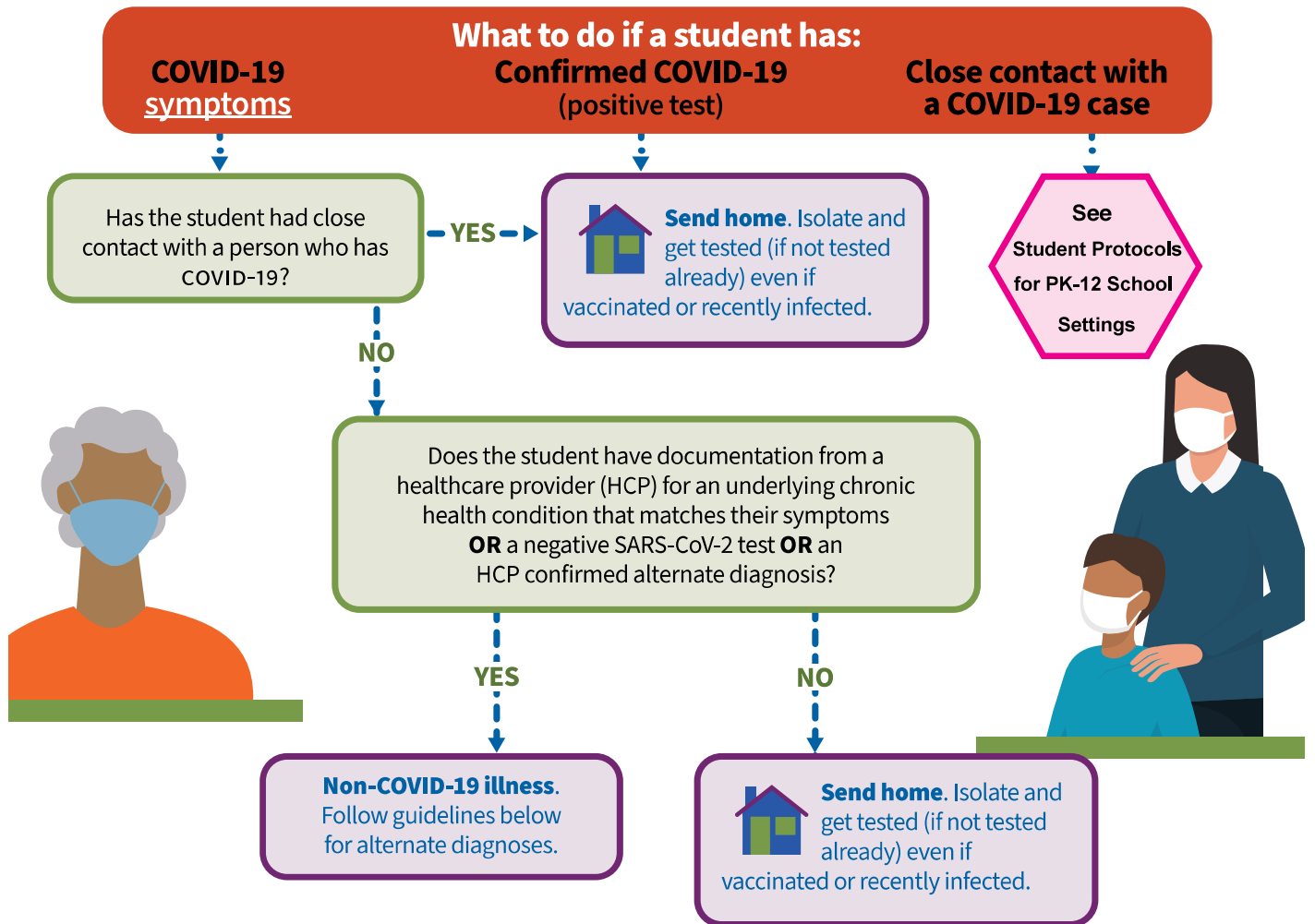


Managing confirmed or suspected COVID-19 at K-12 schools



Positive or no test: Stay home for at least 5 days after symptoms start (or after positive test if no symptoms). Isolation can end after day 5 **IF** fever-free for 24 hours **AND** no symptoms or mild and improving symptoms. If fever is present, isolation should be continued until 24 hours after fever resolves. If symptoms other than fever, are not improving continue to isolate until symptoms are improving or until after day 10. Returned cases should continue to mask around others through Day 10.

Negative test or alternate diagnosis (with no previous positive test): May return to in-person instruction if fever-free (no fever for previous 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medication) **AND** other symptoms improving.

For more detailed information and guidelines, see [CDPH Schools Guidance](#) and [CDPH Isolation & Quarantine Guidance](#).

Staff and employers are subject to Cal/OSHA [COVID-19 Regulations](#) or [Aerosol Transmissible Diseases](#) standard and should review those requirements.



Capistrano Unified School District

COVID-19 Student Protocols for PK-12 School Settings

Student: Positive COVID-19 Test†	Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Any individual who tests† positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Stay home for at least 5 days▶ Isolation can end after Day 5 (Day 6 or later) if:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Symptoms are NOT present or mild symptoms are improving AND• Individual is fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication▶ If fever is present, continue to isolate until 24 hours after fever resolves without using fever suppressing medication▶ For returned cases, students should mask through Day 10

Student: COVID-19 Exposed	Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Exposed students, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status or prior infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Stay in school▶ Should (Recommended‡) get tested† for COVID-19 with at least one diagnostic test obtained within 3-5 days after last exposure▶ Exposed students who participate in testing may continue to take part in all aspects of K-12 schooling, including sports and extracurricular activities, unless they test† positive for COVID-19 or develop symptoms

Student: Develops Symptoms	Actions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Cough■ Difficulty breathing■ Loss of taste/smell■ Fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$)■ Congestion/runny nose■ Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea■ Sore throat■ Headache■ Fatigue/muscle or body aches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Students with symptoms of COVID-19 infection may not return for in-person instruction until they have met CDPH criteria to return to school for those with symptoms:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND• Other symptoms have improved; AND They have a negative test† for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19),• OR a healthcare provider has provided documentation that the symptoms are typical of their underlying chronic condition (e.g., allergies or asthma)• OR a healthcare provider has confirmed an alternative named diagnosis,• OR at least 5 days have passed since symptom onset AND No fever for 24 hours without fever reducing medication AND symptoms are not present or are mild and improving.

†Any FDA approved/authorized COVID-19 test (antigen test preferred)

‡Per direction of Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA)