Decision Pathways for 1) Symptomatic Children, (2) Contacts of a Potentially Infected Child, (3) Children and Employees with Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19, and (4) Contacts of Persons with Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 at Educational Institutions

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## Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Children and Contacts of a Potentially Infected Child at an Educational Institution

#### Decision Pathways for Children Screened for Symptoms and Exposures Prior to Entry<sup>1</sup> into an Educational Institution

have symptoms

consistent with COVID-

19 described below.\*

Medical provider not consulted or

medical provider

confirms child has

symptoms consistent

with COVID-19

described below.\*

1. Screening indicates no symptoms and exposures for child.

Child is cleared to enter the facility.

2. Screening identifies child with 1 or more symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19\*

Child is sent home. Parent/guardian instructed to consult Medical Provider for further evaluation and possible COVID-19 testing.

3. Screening identifies child with symptoms not consistent with possible COVID-19.

management policy and communicates with parent/guardian if needed.

4. Screening identifies child as exposed to a person with confirmed infection.

Child is sent home. Parent/guardian instructed to have child tested for COVID-19. Child quarantines for 14 days from last exposure to infected person.

Parent/guardian reports Medical provider child's status to institution. confirms child does not Child stays home per

Child has

positive

COVID-19

molecular

test

<sup>1</sup>If child becomes unwell at the facility, place child in an isolation room and follow decision pathways described below.

Child tested

for COVID-19

Child has Parent/guardian reports negative child's status to institution. COVID-19 molecular Child stays home until fever free for 3 days. test

> Parent/guardian reports child's status to institution. Child stays isolated at home until fever free for 24 hours, improved symptoms, and 10 days from symptom onset.

Medical Provider guidance.

\* Per CDC guidelines (8/2020), symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection in children include: fever ≥ 100.4°F; sore throat; new uncontrolled cough causing difficulty breathing (for children with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in baseline cough); diarrhea/vomiting/abdominal pain; new onset of severe headache, especially with fever. If the child's symptoms are not consistent with possible COVID-19 infection but there is still concern, evaluation of the child by a medical provider is recommended.

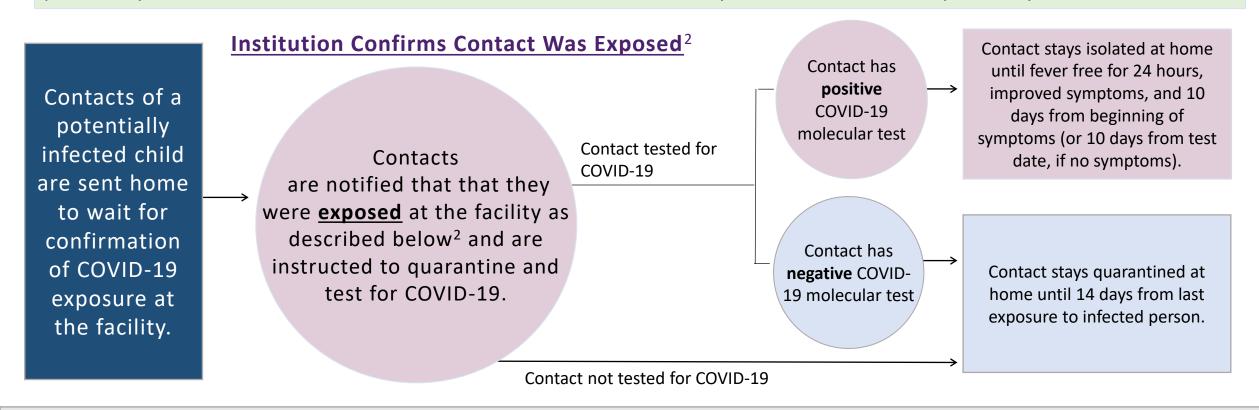
Child not tested for COVID-19

Institution determines if child should be excused per illness

#### Decision Pathways for Contacts of a Potentially Infected Child¹ at an Educational Institution (1)

<sup>1</sup>A **potentially infected child** is defined as a child at the facility with 1 or more symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19. Symptoms include fever ≥ 100.4°F; sore throat; new uncontrolled cough that is different from baseline and causing difficulty breathing; diarrhea/vomiting/abdominal pain; new onset of severe headache, especially with fever.

A **contact of a potentially infected child** is defined as a child or employee at the facility who was within 6 feet of the potentially infected child for >15 minutes or had direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions from a potentially infected child.



<sup>2</sup>A **contact of a potentially infected child** is confirmed as **exposed** if the Institution receives confirmation that: (1) the contact was exposed to a child with 1 or more symptoms consistent with COVID-19 based on Medical provider consultation <u>OR</u> 2) the contact was exposed to laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 based on a positive molecular test result of a potentially infected child.

#### Decision Pathways for Contacts of a Potentially Infected Child¹ at an Educational Institution (2)

<sup>1</sup>A **potentially infected child** is defined as a child at the facility with 1 or more symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19. Symptoms include fever ≥ 100.4°F; sore throat; new uncontrolled cough that is different from baseline and causing difficulty breathing; diarrhea/vomiting/abdominal pain; new onset of severe headache, especially with fever.

A **contact of a potentially infected child** is defined as a child or employee at the facility who was within 6 feet of a potentially infected child for >15 minutes or had direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions from a potentially infected child.

#### **Institution Confirms Contact Was Not Exposed**<sup>2</sup>

Contacts of a potentially infected child are sent home to wait for confirmation of COVID-19 exposure at the facility.

Contacts
are notified that they were
not exposed at the facility as
described below<sup>2</sup> and are
instructed to return to the
Educational Institution.

<sup>2</sup>A **contact of a potentially infected child** is confirmed as **not exposed** if the Institution receives confirmation that: 1) the contact did not have an exposure to a child with 1 or more symptoms consistent with COVID-19 based on Medical provider consultation; OR 2) the contact was not exposed to laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 based on a negative molecular test result of a potentially infected child.

# Decision Pathways for Children or Employees with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 and Contacts of Persons with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19 at an Educational Institution

## Guidance for Child or Employee with Laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 at an Educational Institution

Educational
Institution is
notified of a
child or
employee with
laboratoryconfirmed
COVID-19.

Child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 is sent home.

Child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 is instructed to isolate at home, away from others.1

Institution identifies exposed contacts to child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 while infectious<sup>2</sup> and notifies contacts of exposure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 infection should isolate until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, improved symptoms, and 10 days from beginning of symptoms (or 10 days from test date, if no symptoms). <sup>2</sup>The infectious period for an infected person is 48 hours before symptom onset (or test date for persons with no symptoms) until the infected person is no longer required to be isolated.

### Decision Pathways for Contacts<sup>1</sup> of a Child or Employee with Laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 at an Educational Institution.

<sup>1</sup>A contact of a child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 is defined as a child or employee at the facility that was within 6 feet of an individual with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 for > 15 minutes or had unprotected direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions from the person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19.

Contact stays isolated at home until fever free for 24 hours, improved symptoms, Contact has **positive** and 10 days from beginning COVID-19 molecular of symptoms (or 10 days test from test date, if no Contacts are symptoms). notified that they have been exposed Contact tested for COVID-19 to COVID-19 at the facility and Contact has **negative** Contact stays quarantined at instructed to COVID-19 molecular home until 14 days from last quarantine and test exposure to infected person. test for COVID-19. Contact not tested for COVID-19