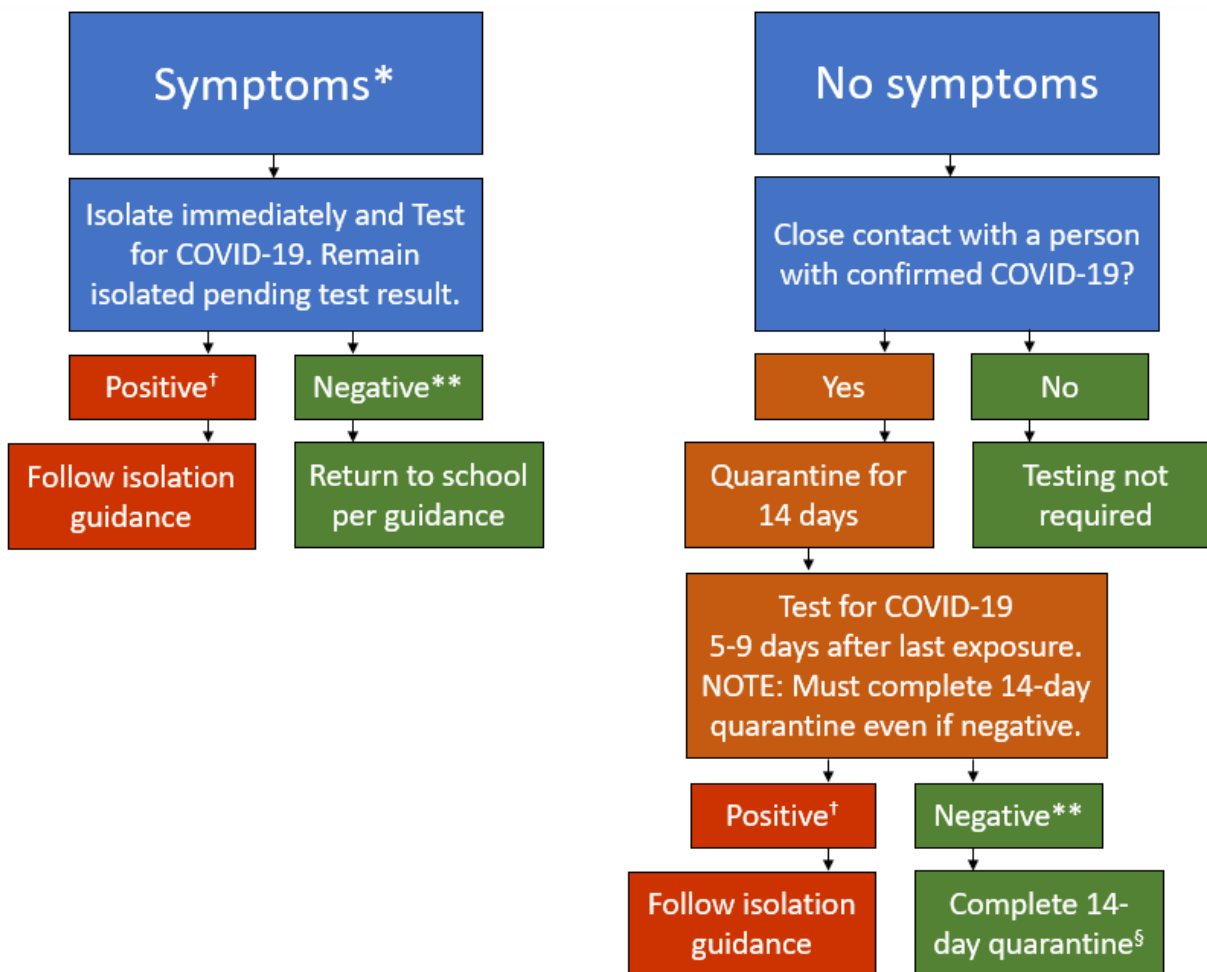


# COVID-19 Testing Guide For Students and Employees of PreK-12 Schools Located in Chicago



\* Any symptom suggestive of COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>.

† A positive result on any viral test (antigen, rapid molecular or PCR) should be considered positive for public health purposes.

\*\* The diagnostic viral testing landscape for COVID-19 is evolving rapidly. Clinicians should choose an appropriate test based on their clinical suspicion of COVID-19. Factors to consider include the sensitivity and turnaround time of the test, the clinical presentation, time since symptom onset, risk of exposure to COVID-19, underlying risk factors for severe COVID-19 and the risk of onward transmission. For example, if high clinical suspicion exists due to clinical appearance or risk factor (e.g. contact with a confirmed case), and an antigen or other rapid test is negative, healthcare providers may consider obtaining a PCR test.

§ Test again only if symptoms develop during the remaining quarantine period.

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