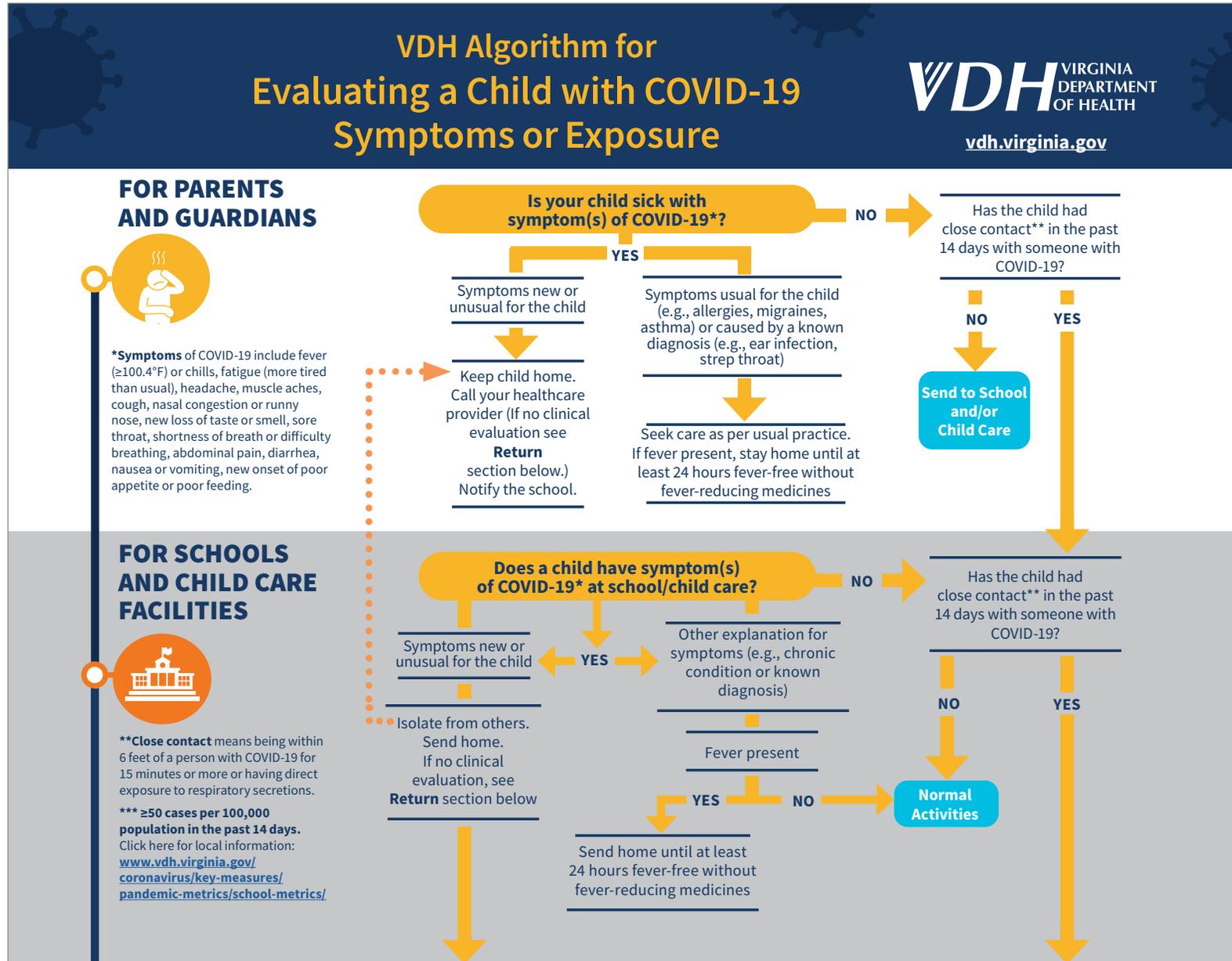


# Appendix

## VDH Algorithm for Evaluating a Child with COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposure (October 8, 2020)

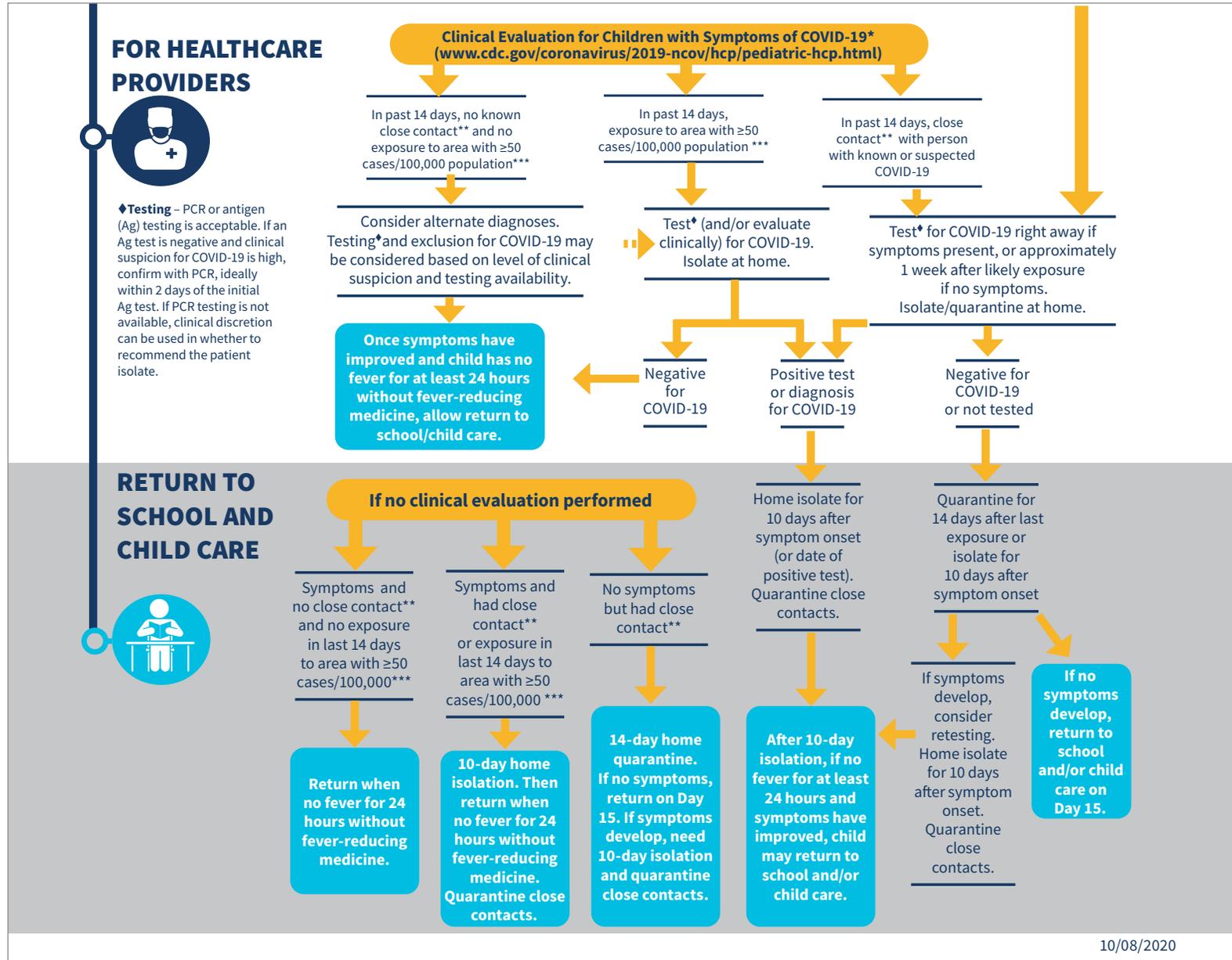
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**For Parents and Guardians**

**When Can I Send My Child to School and/or Child Care?**

Answer These Two Questions Every Day Before Sending Your Child to School and/or Child Care:



**1) Has your child been close to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?**

**2) Is your child sick?**



Keep your child home. Talk with your healthcare provider and/or your school about when the child may return to school/child care.

If “NO” to Question 1 but “YES” to Question 2, see Scenario 2.

If “YES” to Question 1, see Scenario 1.

Did you answer “YES” to EITHER question?



Did you answer “NO” to BOTH questions?

Send your child to school/child care.





# Scenarios for Evaluating a Child Based on COVID-19 Exposure

## Child Has Been Exposed to COVID-19

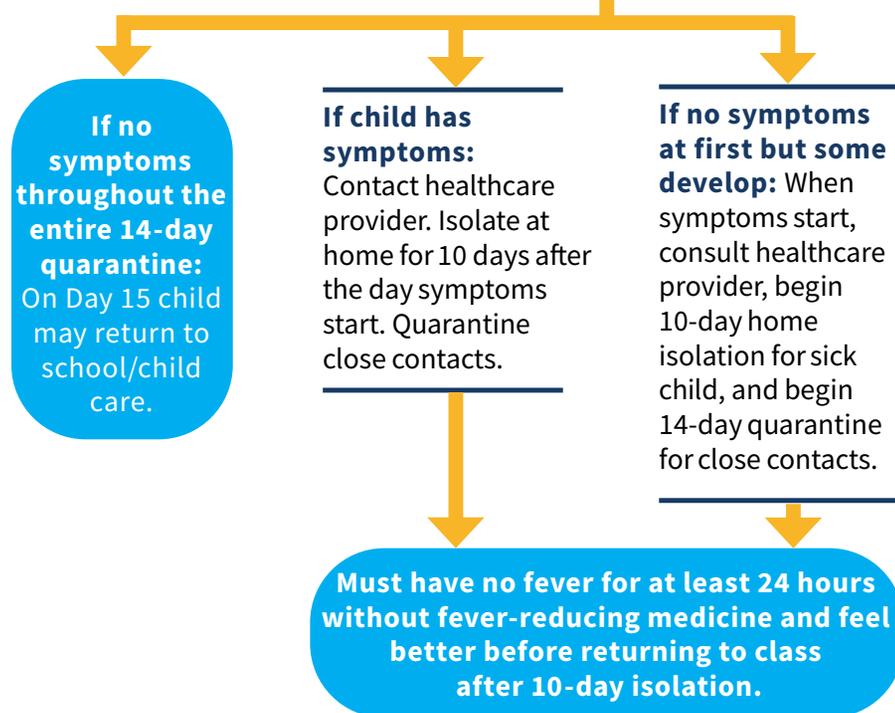
### Scenario 1

A negative test for COVID-19 does not change these recommendations.



The child has been close to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days

'Close to someone with COVID-19' means being within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes, or having direct contact with secretions.



## Child Has Not Been Exposed to COVID-19

### Scenario 2

The child has NOT been close to someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days, but the child is sick

You already know why the child is sick, and it is not COVID-19

Fever



Stay home until fever is gone for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

No Fever



Child may return to school/child care as symptoms permit.

The child has been tested or evaluated for COVID-19

Negative



Stay home until fever is gone for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Positive test or diagnosis



Isolate at home for 10 days after symptom onset (or date of positive test) and 24 hours fever-free. Quarantine close contacts.

You do not know why the child is sick, and the child has not been tested for COVID-19

Exposure in last 14 days to area with  $\geq 50$  cases/100,000



Isolate at home for 10 days after symptom onset and 24 hours fever-free. Quarantine close contacts.

No exposure in last 14 days to area with  $\geq 50$  cases/100,000



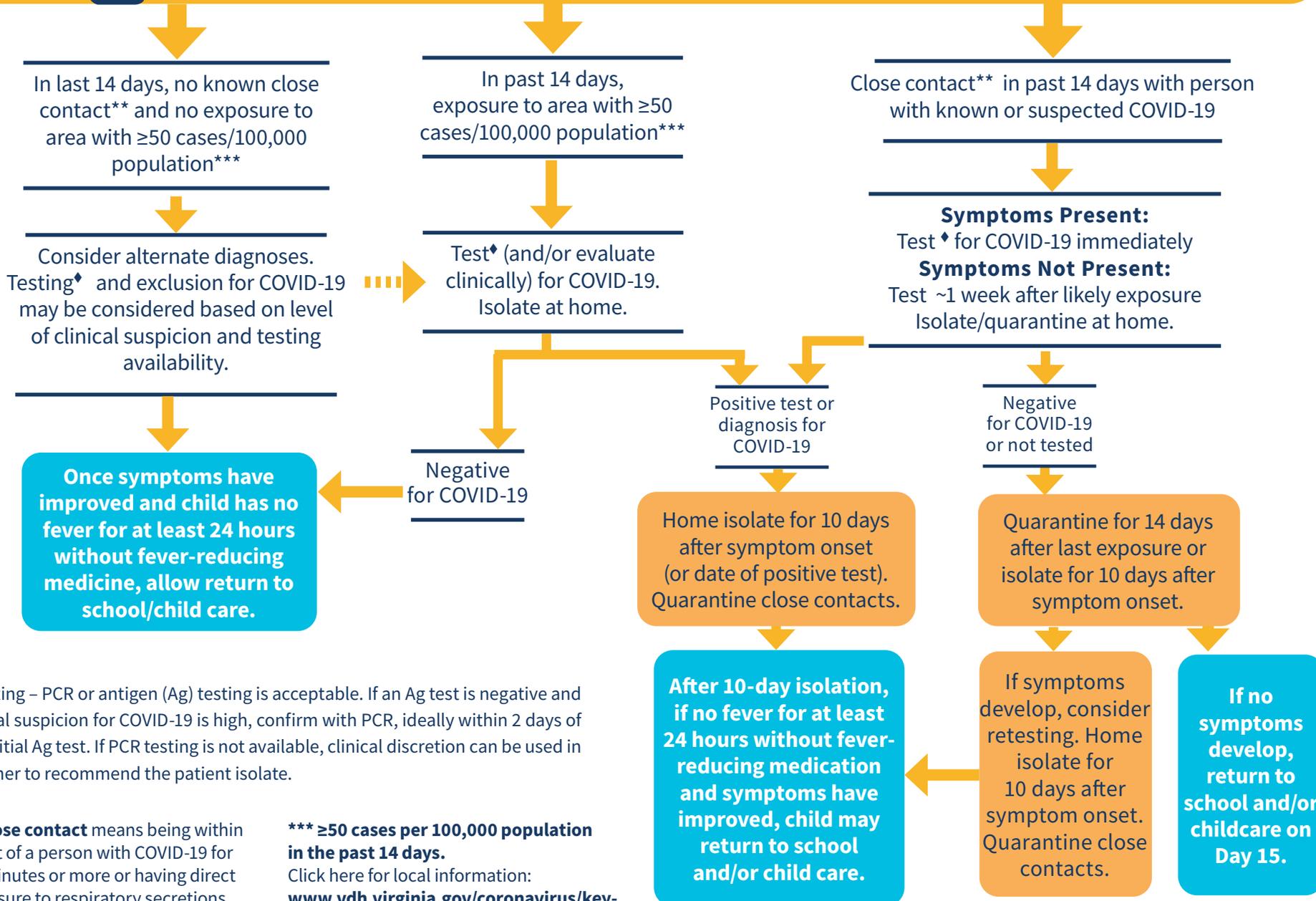
Stay home until fever is gone for 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Outbreaks may result in more stringent recommendations



Evaluation by a healthcare provider is strongly recommended for any child who is sick.

## 👨‍⚕️ **Clinical Evaluation for Children with COVID-19 Symptoms or Exposure** [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/pediatric-hcp.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/pediatric-hcp.html)



♦Testing – PCR or antigen (Ag) testing is acceptable. If an Ag test is negative and clinical suspicion for COVID-19 is high, confirm with PCR, ideally within 2 days of the initial Ag test. If PCR testing is not available, clinical discretion can be used in whether to recommend the patient isolate.

\*\*Close contact means being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more or having direct exposure to respiratory secretions.

\*\*\* ≥50 cases per 100,000 population in the past 14 days.  
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