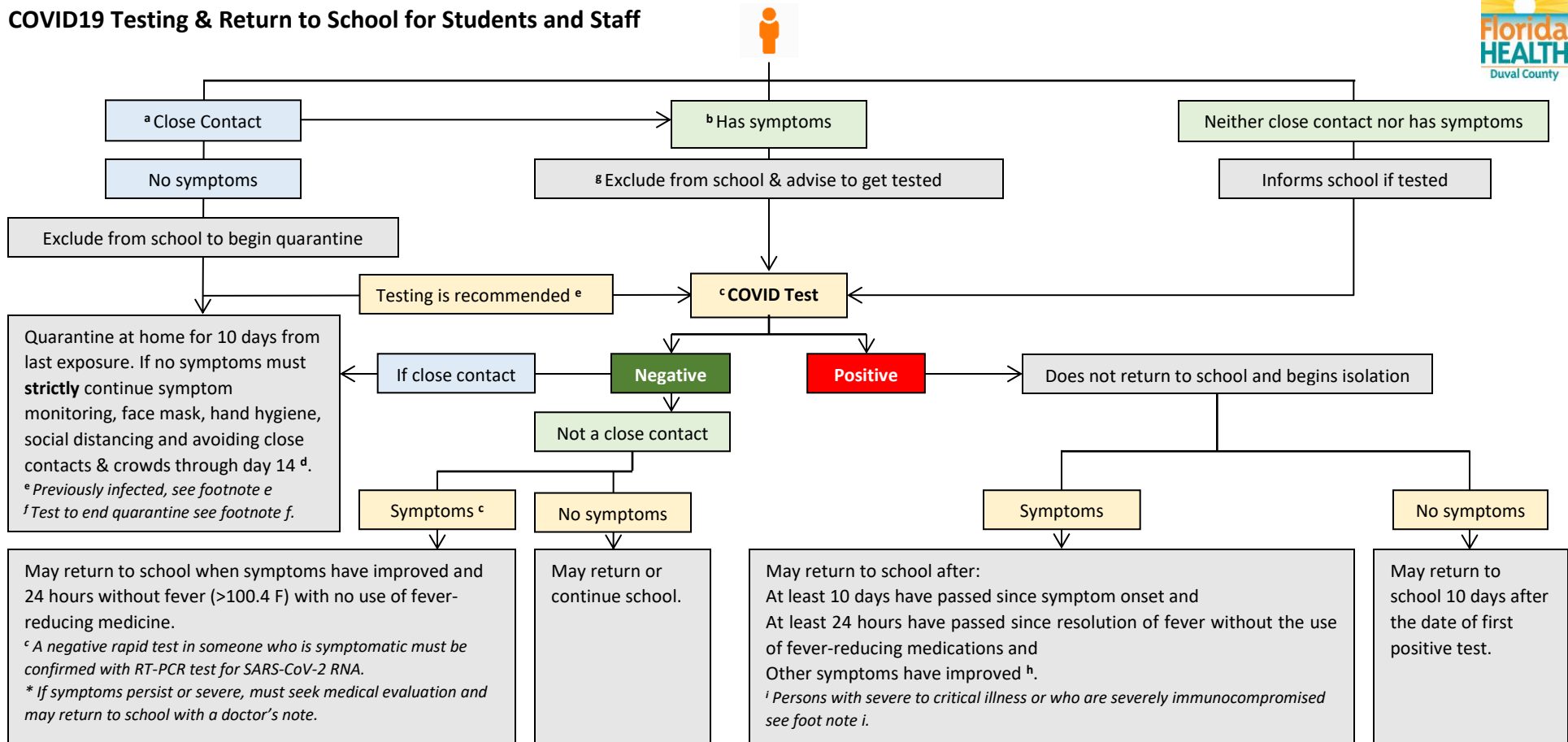


COVID19 Testing & Return to School for Students and Staff



- a:** As established by a COVID investigator upon close contact with someone who has COVID-19. A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.
- b:** Symptoms of COVID may include but not limited to fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.
- c:** RT-PCR SARS-CoV-2 remains the gold standard for detection of COVID-19. A negative rapid test in someone who is symptomatic must be confirmed with RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 RNA.
- d:** If strict adherence to symptom monitoring, face mask, hand hygiene, social distancing and avoiding close contacts & crowd cannot be maintained after 10 days, then quarantine must be extended to 14 days at home.
- e:** Close contacts who were diagnosed with COVID-19 by a positive RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 RNA within the last 90 days with no current symptoms of COVID-19 do not have to quarantine, retesting is not recommended.
- f:** Due to local circumstance and resources in Duval County, diagnostic test to end quarantine after day 7 is not being implemented at this time. However, testing of close contacts can detect asymptomatic cases.
- g:** If severe symptoms, refer to seek medical attention immediately.
- h:** Loss of taste and smell may persist for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation.
- i:** Patients with severe to critical illness or who are severely immunocompromised may return to work after: At least 10 days and up to 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; at least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved; consider consultation with physician. Severe Illness: Individuals who have respiratory frequency >30 breaths per minute, SpO2 <94% on room air at sea level (or, for patients with chronic hypoxemia, a decrease from baseline of >3%), ratio of arterial partial pressure of oxygen to fraction of inspired oxygen (PaO2/FiO2) <300 mmHg, or lung infiltrates >50%. Critical Illness: Individuals who have respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiple organ dysfunction.

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