

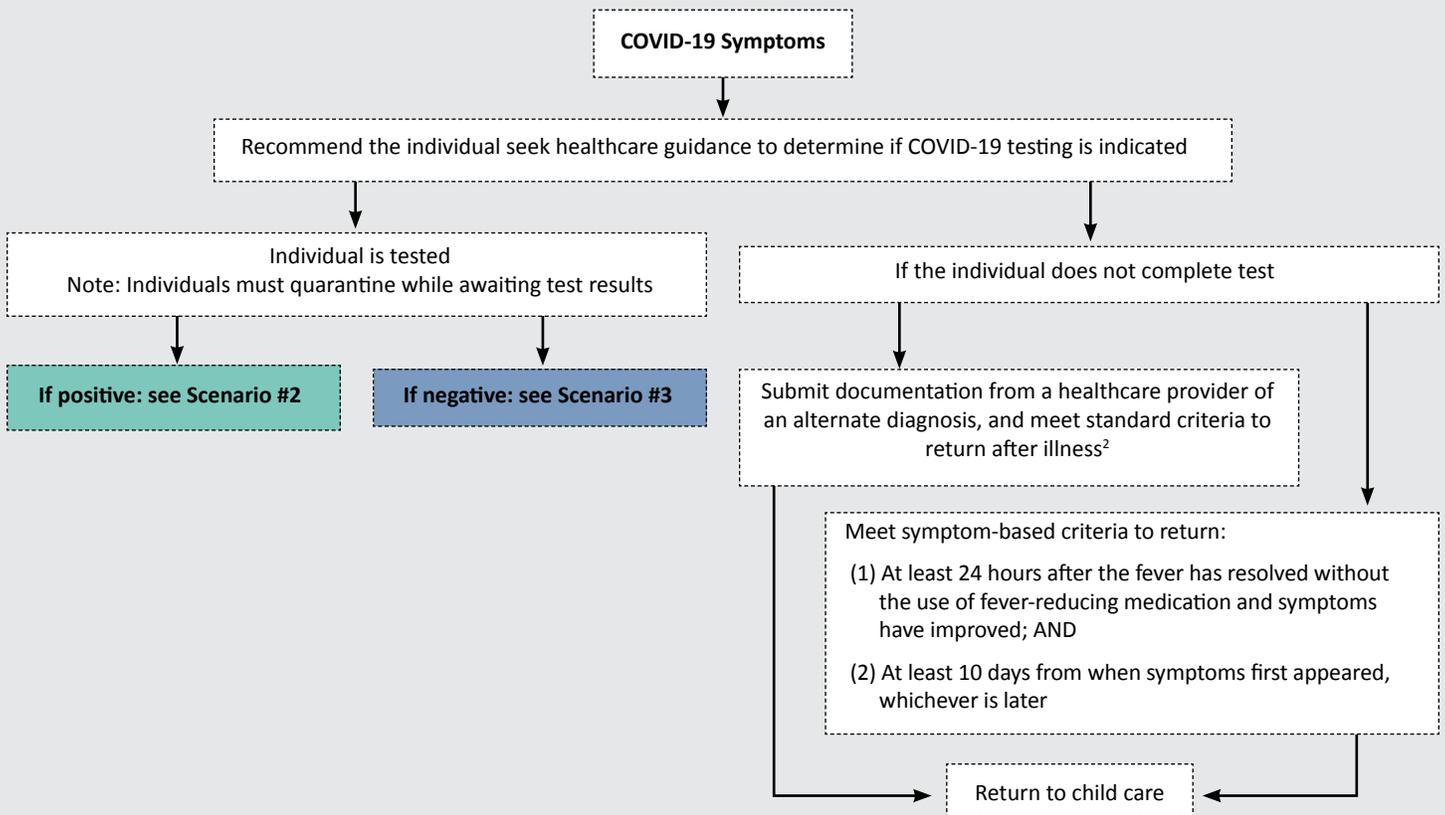


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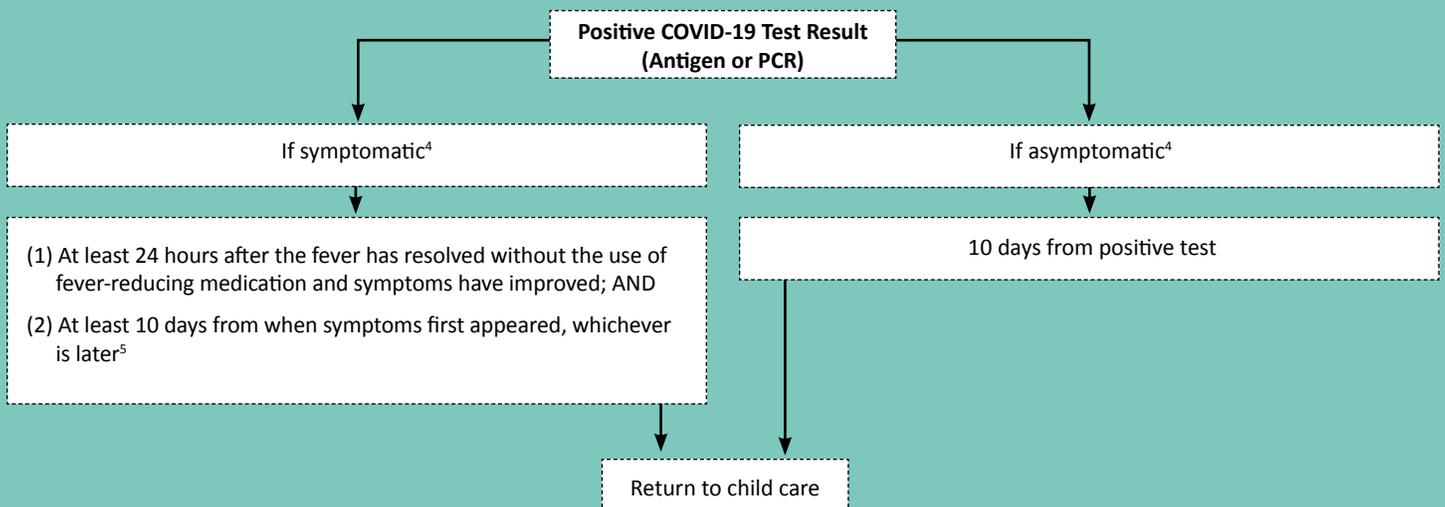
RETURN TO CHILD CARE CRITERIA

Note: These scenarios include standard criteria to return to care for children and staff. Individual guidance from DC Health or a healthcare provider would always supersede these criteria.

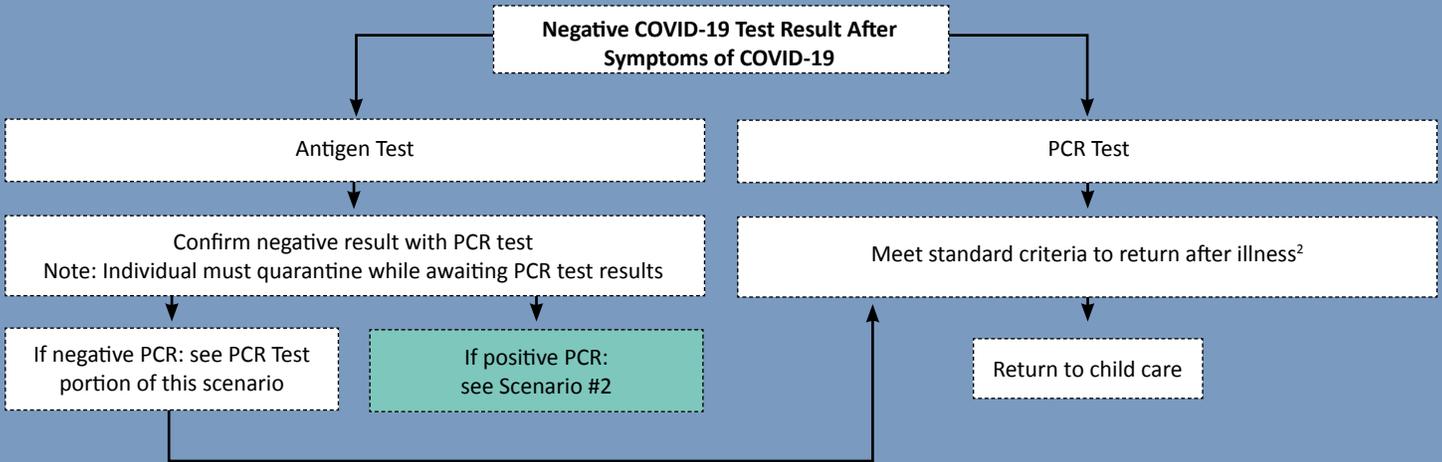
Scenario 1: Child or Staff Member with COVID-19 Symptoms¹



Scenario 2: Child or Staff Member with a Positive COVID-19 Test Result³



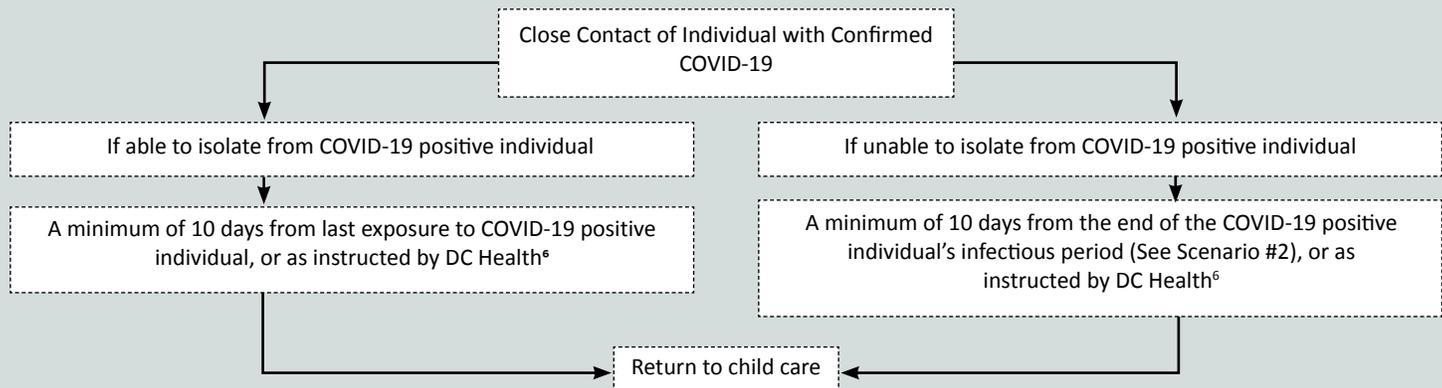
Scenario 3: Child or Staff Member with a Negative COVID-19 Test Result After Symptoms of COVID-19⁶



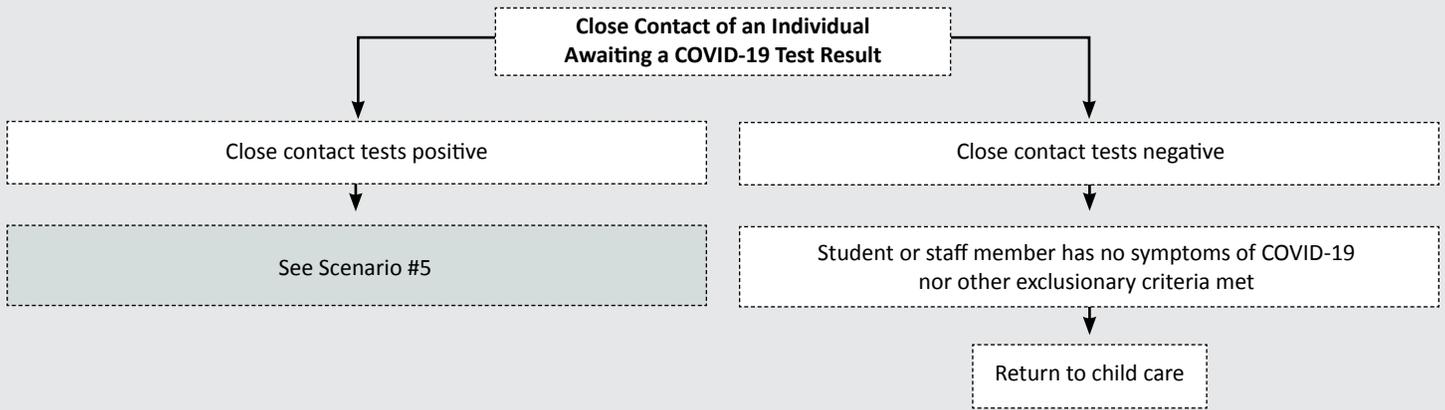
Scenario 4: Child or Staff Member with Documentation from Healthcare Provider of Alternate Diagnosis After Symptoms of COVID-19



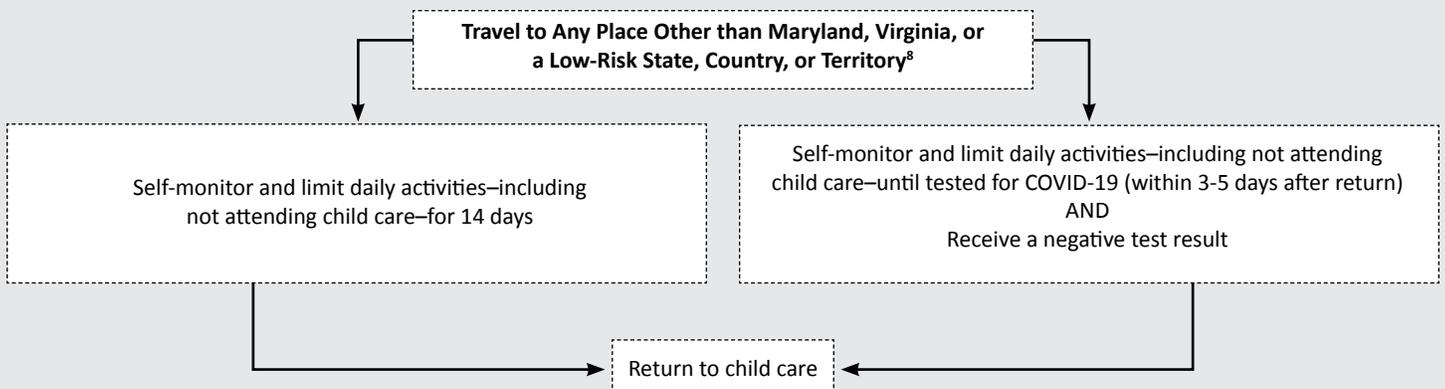
Scenario 5: Child or Staff Member is a Close Contact of an Individual with Confirmed COVID-19⁷



Scenario 6: Child or Staff Member is a Close Contact of an Individual Awaiting a COVID-19 Test Result



Scenario 7: Child or Staff Member Traveled to Any Place Other than Maryland, Virginia, or a Low-Risk State, Country, or Territory



Endnotes

- 1 Children or staff with pre-existing health conditions that present with specific COVID-19-like symptoms may not be excluded from entering the facility on the basis of those specific symptoms, if a healthcare provider has provided written or verbal documentation that those specific symptoms are not due to COVID-19.
- 2 Standard criteria to return after illness refers to the individual facility's existing policies and protocols for a child or employee to return to child care after illness.
- 3 See DC Health's Guidance for Persons Who Tested Positive for COVID-19 on coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo for more information.
- 4 Regardless of whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, close contacts (including all members of the household) must quarantine for at least 10 days.
- 5 Some individuals, including those with severe illness, may have longer quarantine periods per DC Health or their healthcare provider.
- 6 Per Scenario #5, a negative test result after close contact with an individual with confirmed COVID-19 does *not* shorten the duration of quarantine of at least 10 days.
- 7 DC Health strongly recommends that individuals who live or work with someone at higher-risk for COVID-19 quarantine for 14 days. See DC Health's Guidance for Quarantine after COVID-19 Exposure on coronavirus.dc.gov/healthguidance for more information.
- 8 For the list of low-risk states, see coronavirus.dc.gov/phasetwo. For the list of countries and territories by risk level, see www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html.