

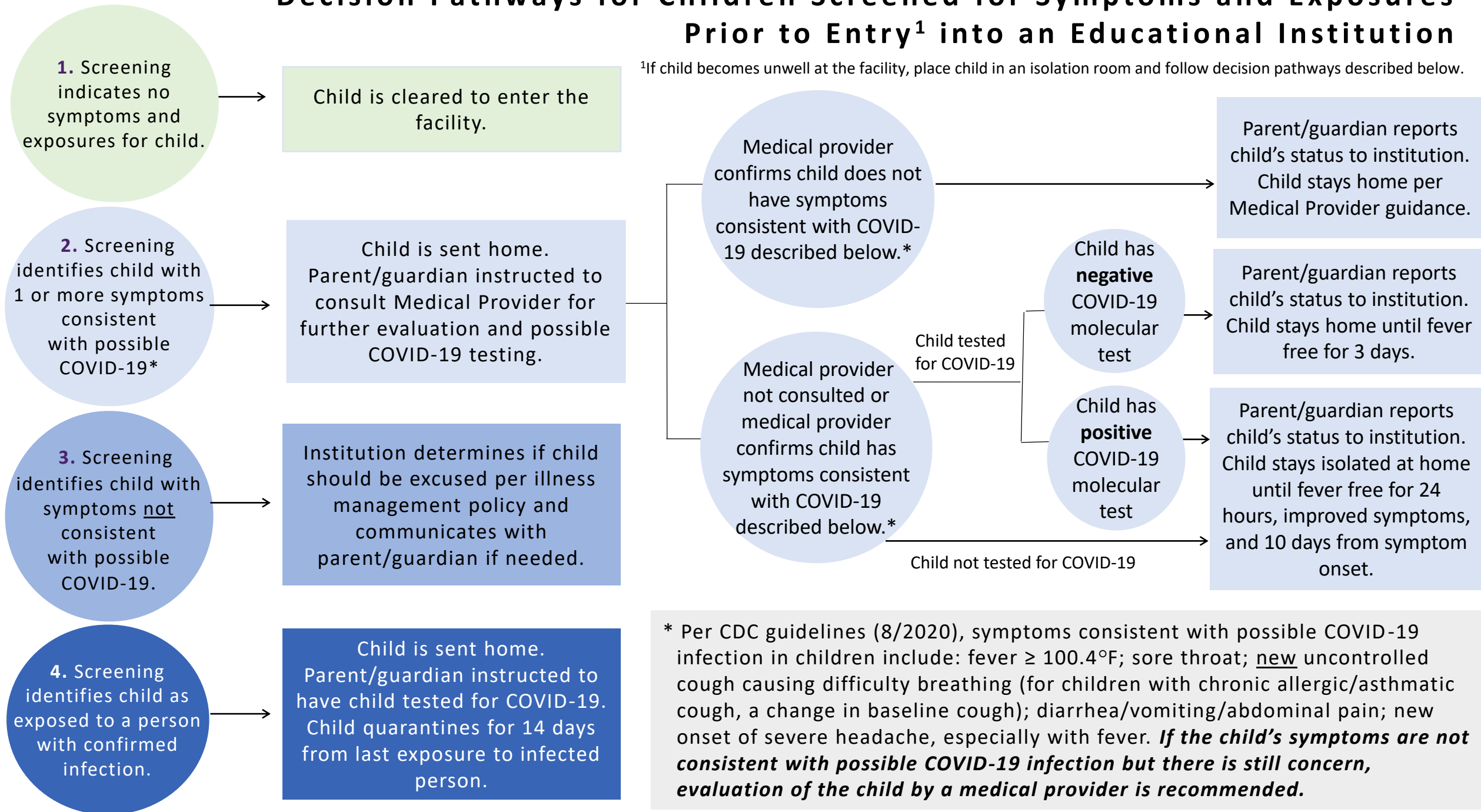
Decision Pathways for 1) Symptomatic Children, (2) Contacts of a Potentially Infected Child, (3) Children and Employees with Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19, and (4) Contacts of Persons with Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 at Educational Institutions

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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 Entry¹ into an Educational Institution

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

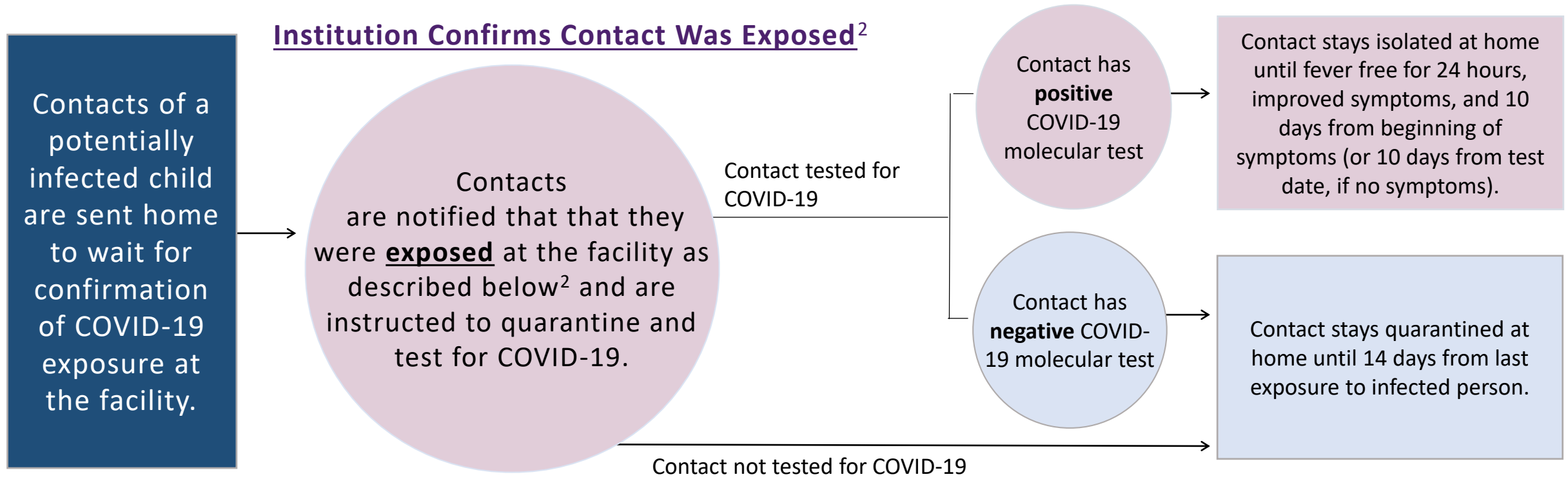


* Per CDC guidelines (8/2020), symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection in children include: fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$; sore throat; new uncontrolled cough causing difficulty breathing (for children with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in baseline cough); diarrhea/vomiting/abdominal 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.***

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

¹A **potentially infected child** is defined as a child at the facility with 1 or more symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19. Symptoms include fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$; 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.



²A **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 OR 2) the contact was exposed to laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 based on a positive molecular test result of a potentially infected child.

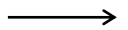
Decision Pathways for Contacts of a Potentially Infected Child¹ at an Educational Institution (2)

¹A **potentially infected child** is defined as a child at the facility with 1 or more symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19. Symptoms include fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$; 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 Exposed²

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 below² and are instructed to return to the Educational Institution.

²A **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 laboratory-confirmed 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 infectious² and notifies contacts of exposure.

¹ 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).

²The 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 Contacts¹ of a Child or Employee with Laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 at an Educational Institution.

¹A 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.

