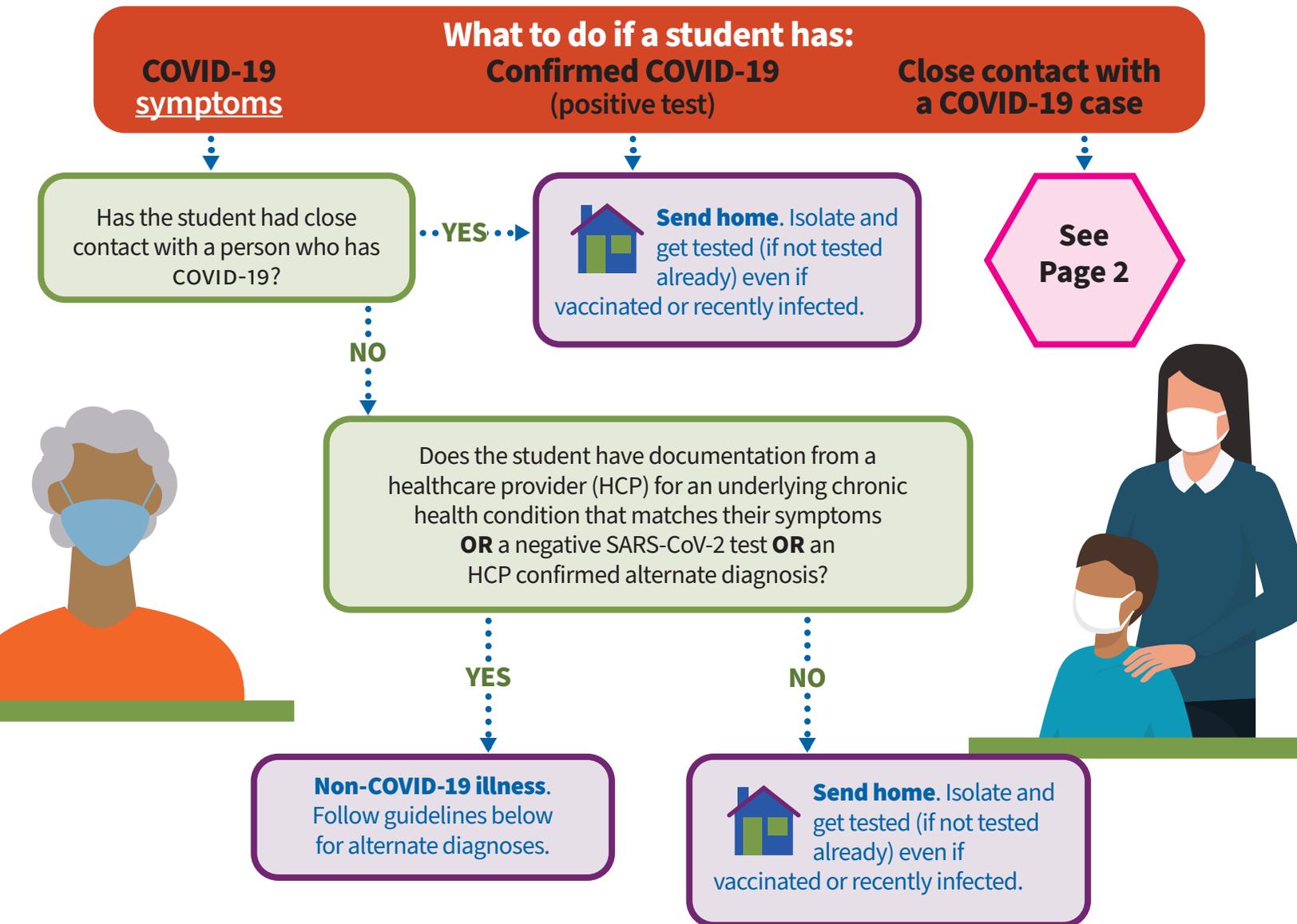


Managing confirmed or suspected COVID-19 at K–12 schools



Positive or no test: Stay home for at least 5 days after symptoms start (or after positive test if no symptoms). Isolation can end after day 5 **IF** fever-free with no (or resolving) symptoms **AND** a test (antigen preferred) on day 5 or later is negative. If no test or a positive test on day 5 or later, or symptoms not resolving, isolate through day 10, continuing until fever-free.

Negative test or alternate diagnosis (with no previous positive test): May return to in-person instruction if fever-free (no fever for previous 24 hours, without using fever-reducing medication) **AND** other symptoms improving.

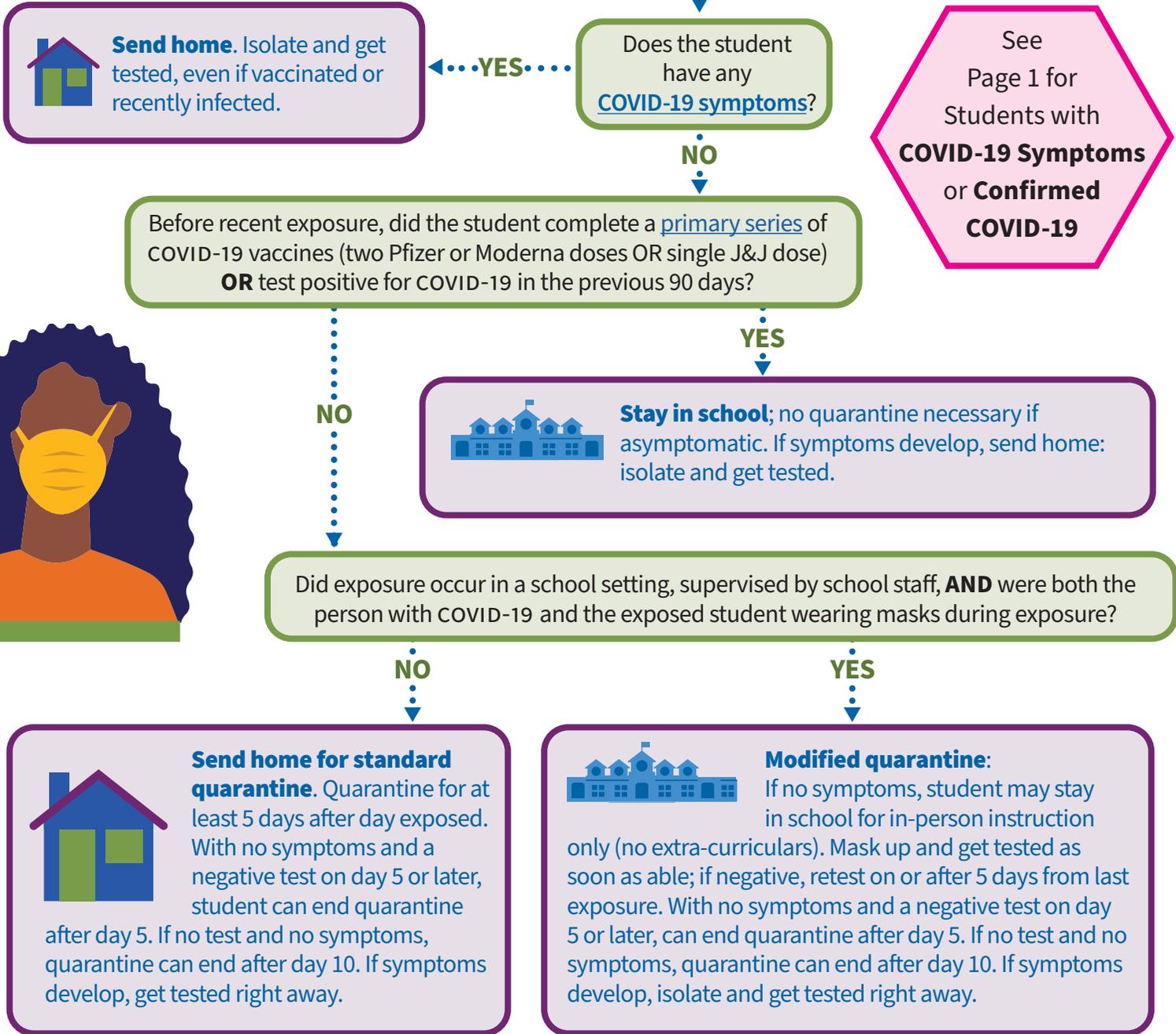
*For more detailed information and guidelines, see [CDPH Schools Guidance](#) and [CDPH Isolation & Quarantine Guidance](#).

Staff and employers are subject to Cal/OSHA [COVID-19 ETS](#) or [Aerosol Transmissible Diseases](#) standard and should review those requirements.



Managing COVID-19 exposure at K-12 schools

What to do if a student is a close contact of someone with COVID-19 if using Individual Tracing*



Positive test: Stay home for at least 5 days after symptoms start (or after the day student tested positive if no symptoms). See page 1 for more on isolating after a positive test.

*This page addresses students identified as close contacts, following an Individual Tracing approach to managing COVID-19 exposures. When schools follow a Group-Tracing approach, all exposed students may receive an exposure notification (EN) and should get tested within 3-5 days after exposure, earlier if symptoms develop. Asymptomatic students may remain in school if participating in testing. Students who develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive after receiving an EN should isolate at home and notify school of test results. See CDPH's [Group-Tracing Approach](#) and K-12 [Schools Q&A](#) for more information on student exposures.