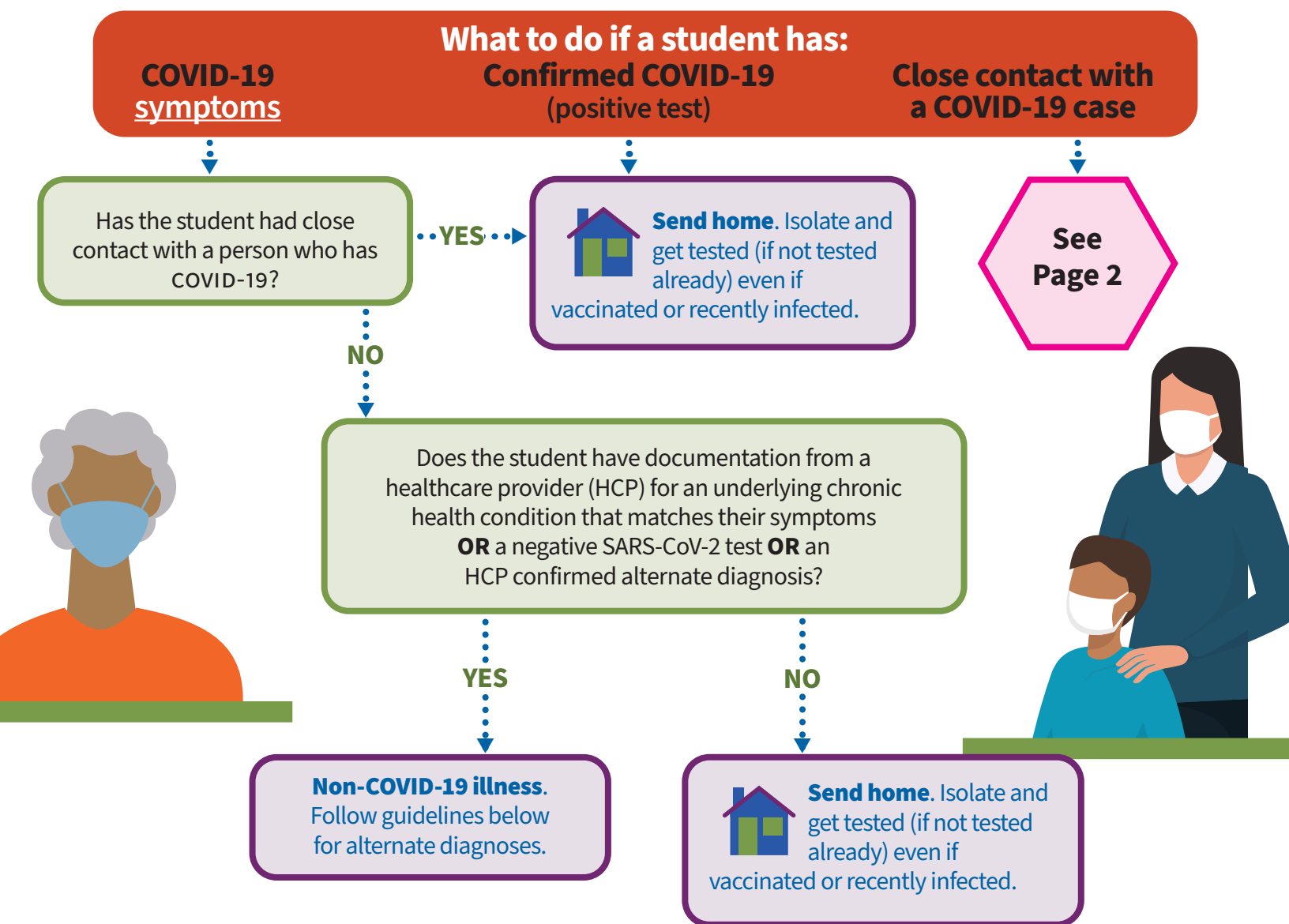


# Managing confirmed or suspected COVID-19 at K–12 schools



**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.

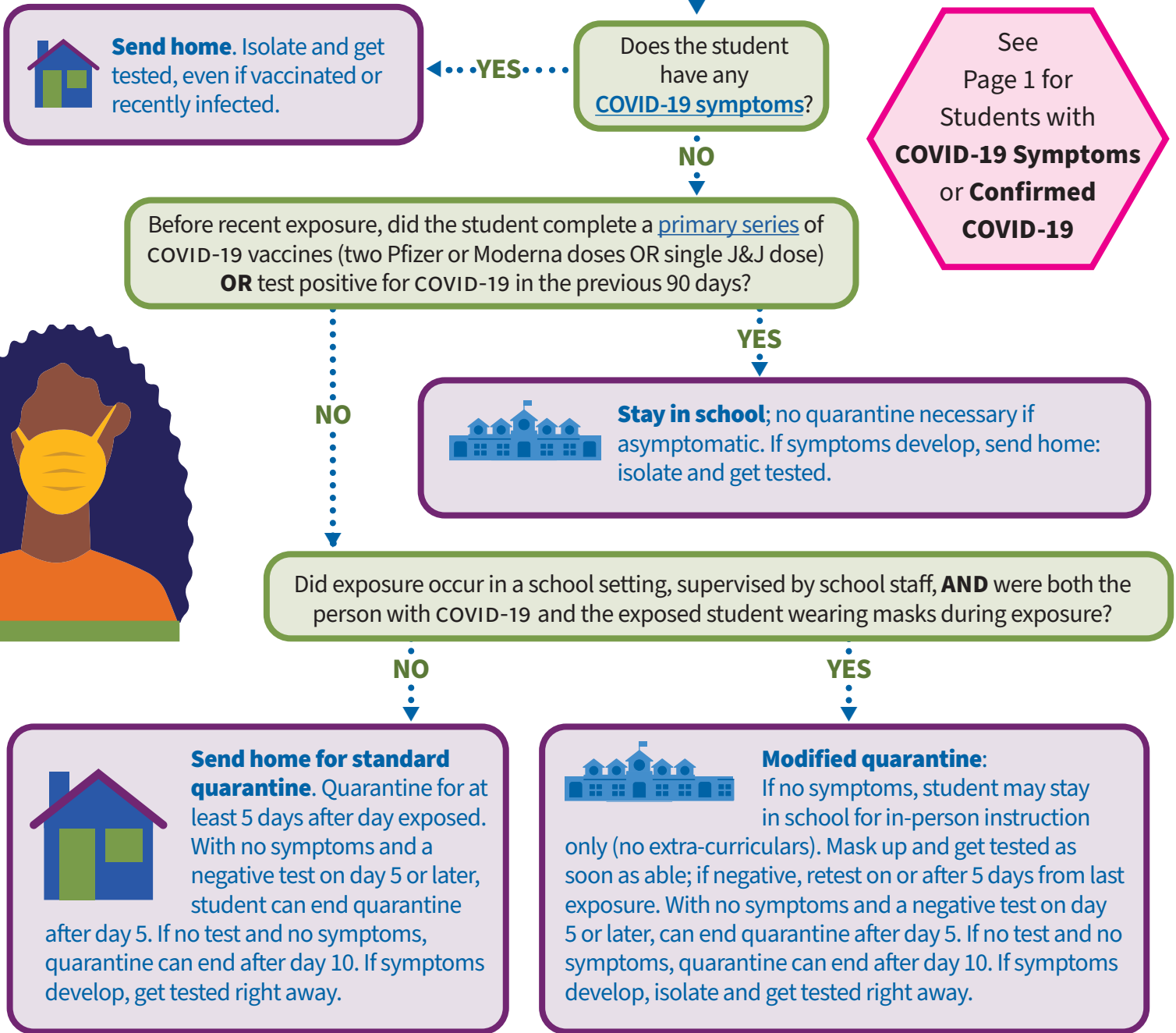
\*For more detailed information and guidelines, see [CDPH Schools Guidance](#) and [CDPH Isolation & Quarantine Guidance](#).

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.