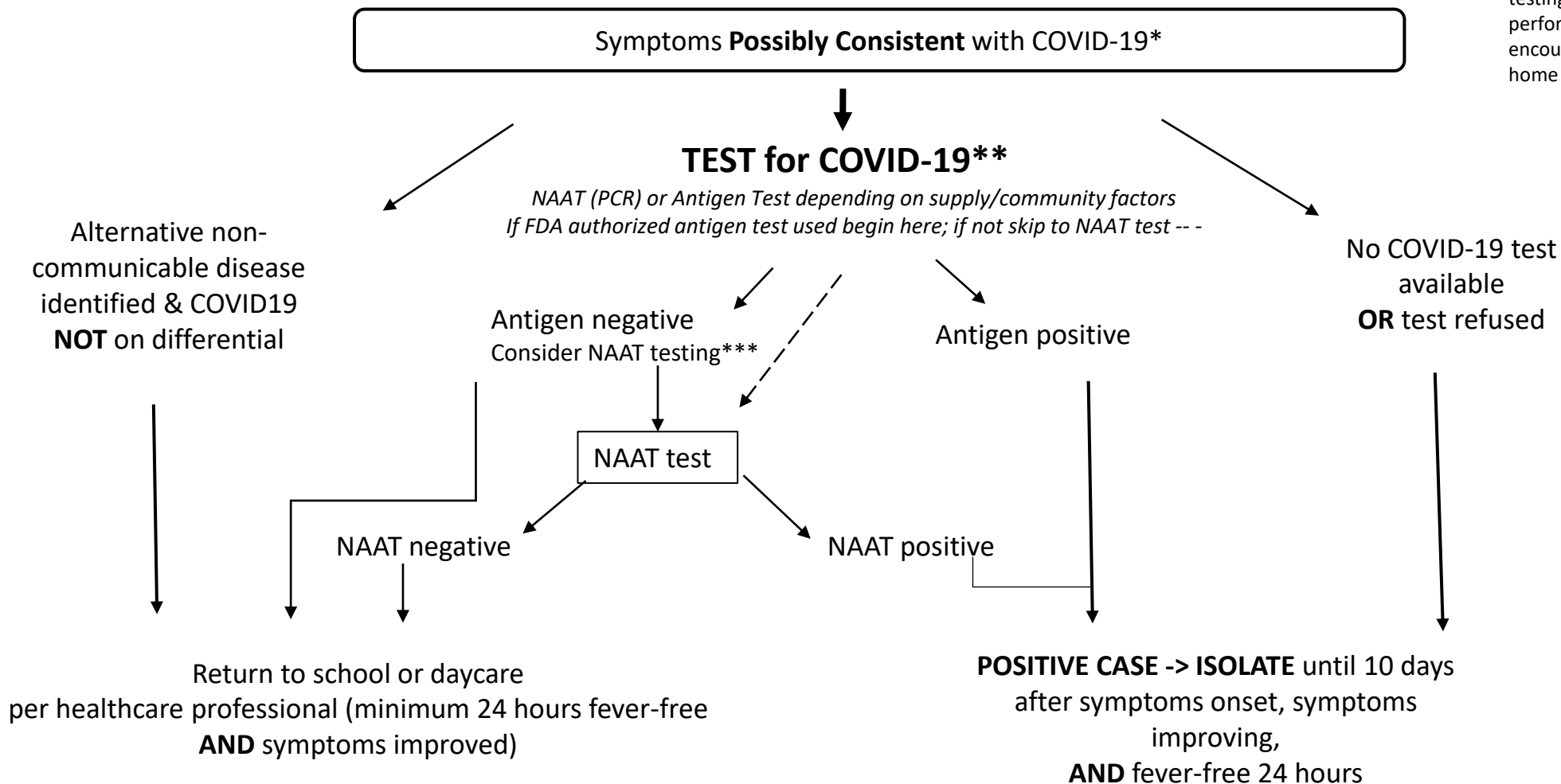


Assessment of mild illnesses in children

Current as of 9.19.21

Based on FDA approved antigen testing or NAAT (PCR) testing performed as part of a healthcare encounter NOT a self-administered home test



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****TEST CHOICE** - Consider current disease incidence, patient factors, test characteristics, and test supply. Sensitivity of antigen testing increases with increased community incidence. Public health accepts the results of an antigen test performed as part of a healthcare encounter (including those administered by trained staff in schools)

*****This ANTIGEN NEGATIVE** may not need confirmatory testing if the person has mild illness and a low likelihood of SARS-CoV infection (such as no known or suspected exposure in last 14 days or fully vaccinated or SARS-CoV infection in last 3 months)

Assessment of children with exposure to COVID-19

Current as of 9.19.21

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KNOWN Close Exposure

(Family contacted by school/public health as close exposure OR a community exposure less than 6 feet for total of 15 min 48 hours prior to symptoms or until 10 days after symptoms start/positive test).

Note 2021/22 in school student only exception OH/KY/IN: student not considered close contact if students fully masked and distanced at least 3 feet when exposure occurred

**Monitor symptoms
x 14 days**

Unvaccinated AND no documented COVID-19 infection in last 3 months

Fully vaccinated OR
Documented COVID-19 infection in last 3 months

Monitor without quarantine;
Wear mask indoors;
Can consider TEST at 5 days after exposure**

QUARANTINE

Duration depends on local public health and institutional/school guidelines:

- 14 days is safest
- 10 days is an option if no symptoms reported
- 7 days if no symptoms reported & negative TEST performed on or after Day 5 after last close contact (Day 0) **
- *Alternative in some school districts through partnership with local labs is "test to stay" strategy: children are tested daily at school after exposure at school*

If symptoms of COVID-19 appear during 14 days of monitoring

PROBABLE COVID-19 CASE

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****TEST:** Antigen or NAAT (Including PCR) tests conducted as part of an encounter with a healthcare provider are acceptable for testing asymptomatic exposed patients. **Note that some school districts may require NAAT/PCR test (not antigen) prior to return.**