

# Archdiocese of San Antonio Catholic Schools

*Protocols for 2021-2022 School Year*

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# COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following question:

*Any of the following symptoms indicate a possible COVID-19 infection:*


- **Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher;**
- **Sore throat;**
- **New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (or, for students with a chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);**
- **Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; or**
- **New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.**





# TEST CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASE

Test-  
confirmed  
COVID-19



*ANY INDIVIDUAL  
(teachers, staff, students,  
volunteers or other cam-  
pus visitors)*

May return to school when **ALL THREE** of the  
following criteria are met:

- At least one day (**24 hours**) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);

**AND**

- The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);

**AND**

- At least ten days have passed since symptoms first





# CLOSE CONTACT

This document refers to “close contact” with an individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19. The definition of close contact is evolving with our understanding of COVID-19, and individual scenarios should be determined by an appropriate public health agency. In general, close contact is defined as:

a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or b. being within 6 feet for a largely uninterrupted or sustained extended contact period throughout the course of a day of approximately 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming test.

**ANY INDIVIDUAL (teachers, staff, students, volunteers or other campus visitors)**

**Who have had close contact with someone who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19**

*(direct exposure OR being 6 feet for 15+ minutes in the time the infected individual was infectious)*

**MUST stay at home through the 14-day incubation period,**  
*(beginning on the date symptoms first appeared or for asymptomatic individuals on the day of the positive COVID test)*

*Catholic schools should screen individuals after the incubation period has concluded, and if the individual did not experience COVID-19 symptoms during that period, the individual can be allowed back on campus.*

**If individual displayed symptoms of COVID-19 during the incubation period, they may return to school when **all three** of the following criteria are met:**

- **At least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications)**
- **The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and**
- **At least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.**





# Quarantine Guidance

## For Vaccinated (*Students & Adults*) Exposed to a Positive Case

Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine ***if they meet all of the following criteria:***

1. Are fully vaccinated (i.e.,  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine).
  2. Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure
- Vaccinated individuals are **required** to produce their card or other proof of vaccination.
  - Vaccinated individuals are **required** to wear a mask for 14 days following an exposure to a positive case.

If a vaccinated individual **demonstrates symptoms** of COVID-19, he or she **must remain home** until producing a negative COVID test **at least 3 days** following the onset of symptoms.





# Individual with COVID Symptoms

*Who have not had a confirmed case or known exposure (i.e. no known close contact)*

If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school *before completing the stay at home period* on the previous page, the individual must either:

(a) obtain a note from a medical doctor licensed in the state of Texas, note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis (*such as strep throat, an ear infection, etc.; unless the allergy diagnosis is chronic, an individual experiencing allergy symptoms should follow part (b) below*).

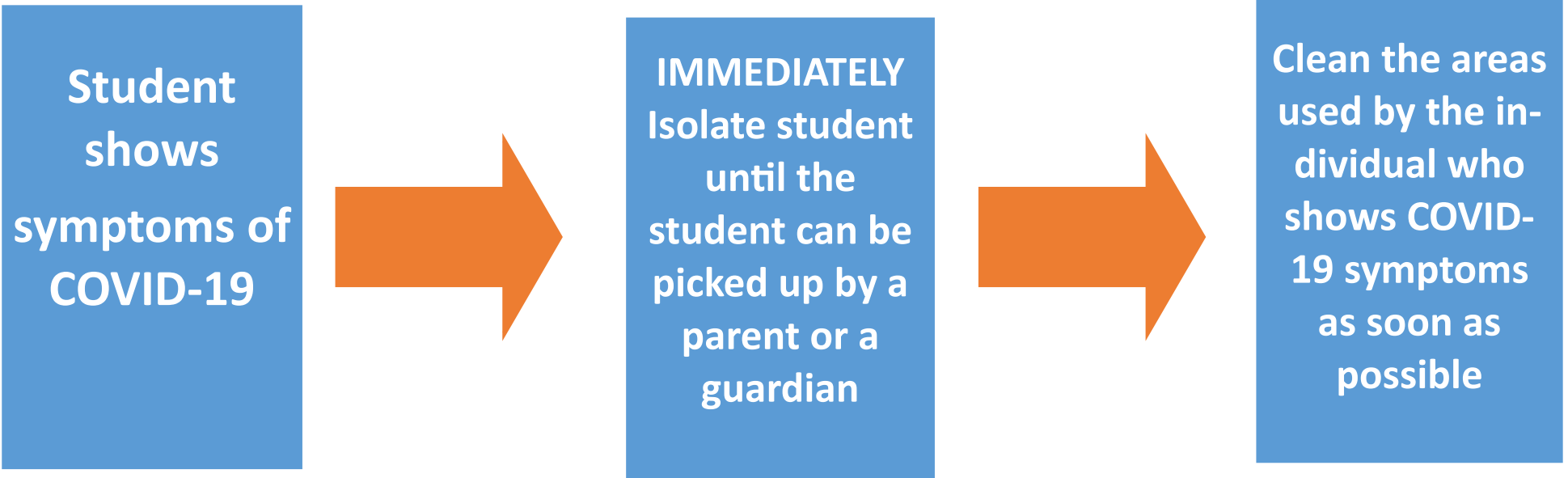
OR

(b) obtain a negative COVID test



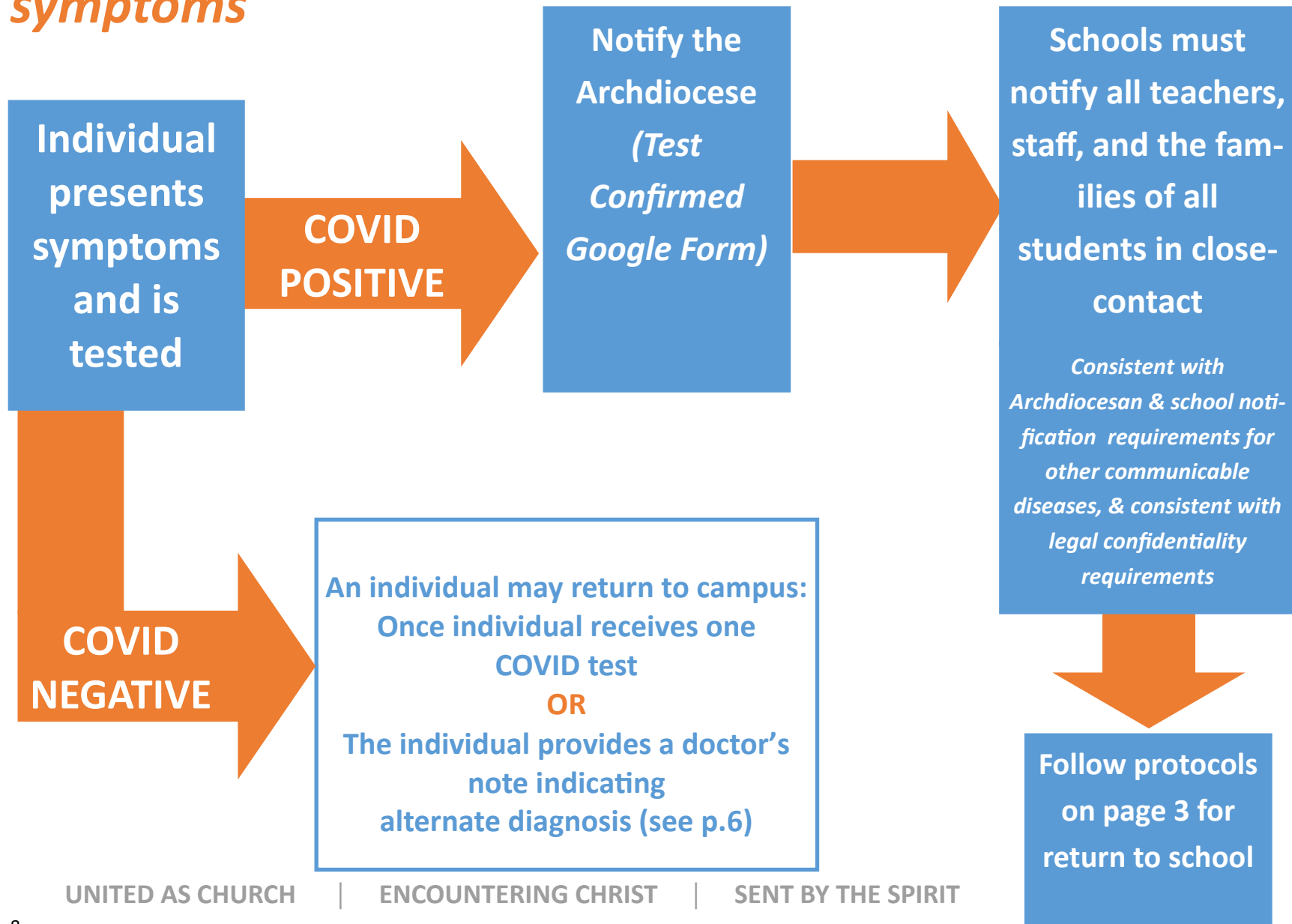


# ISOLATION OF STUDENT WITH SYMPTOMS



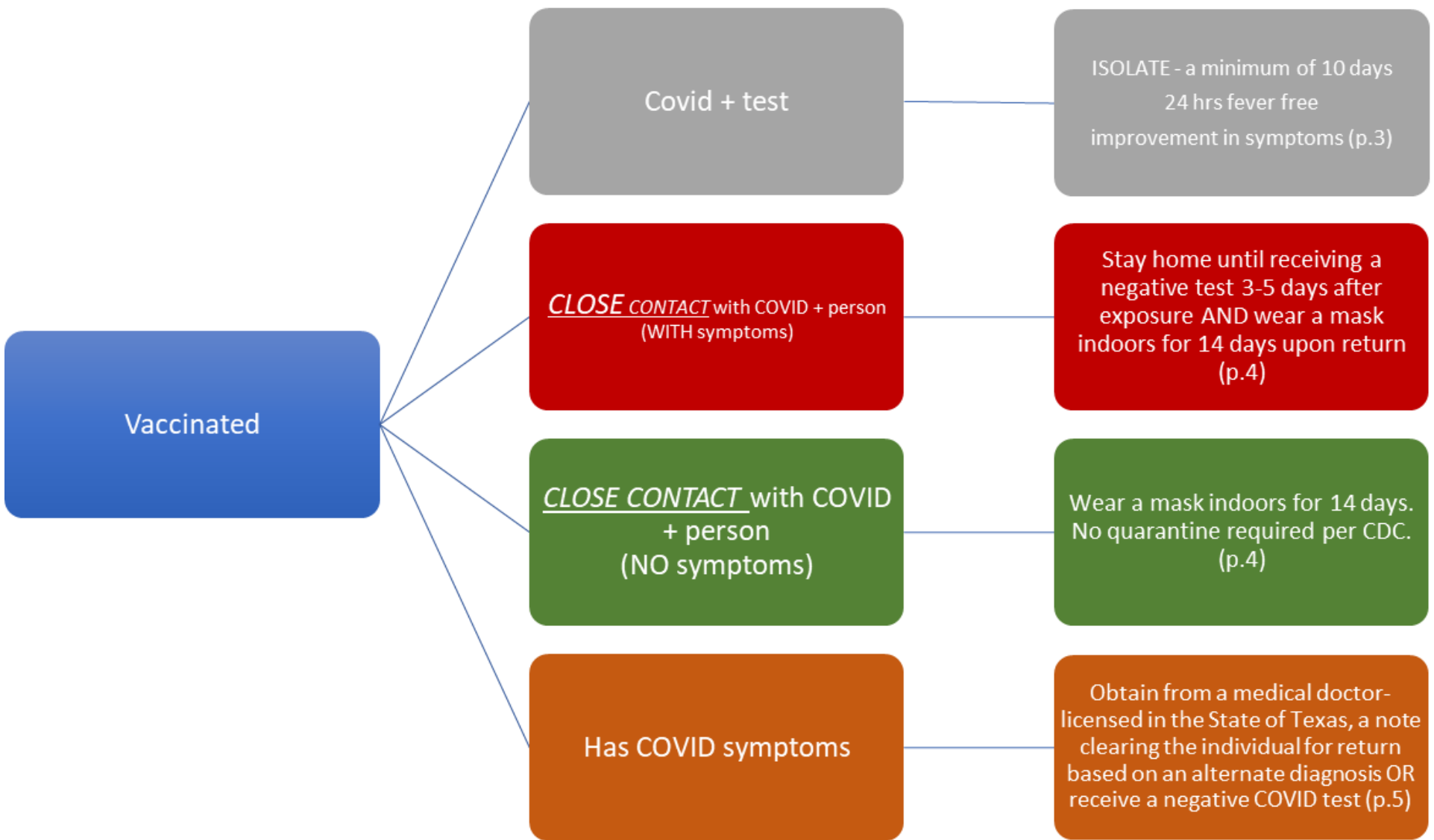


# RESPOND: *Practices to Respond to an individual with symptoms*





# Flow Chart—Vaccinated Individuals





# Flow Chart—Unvaccinated Individuals

