COVID-19 Response

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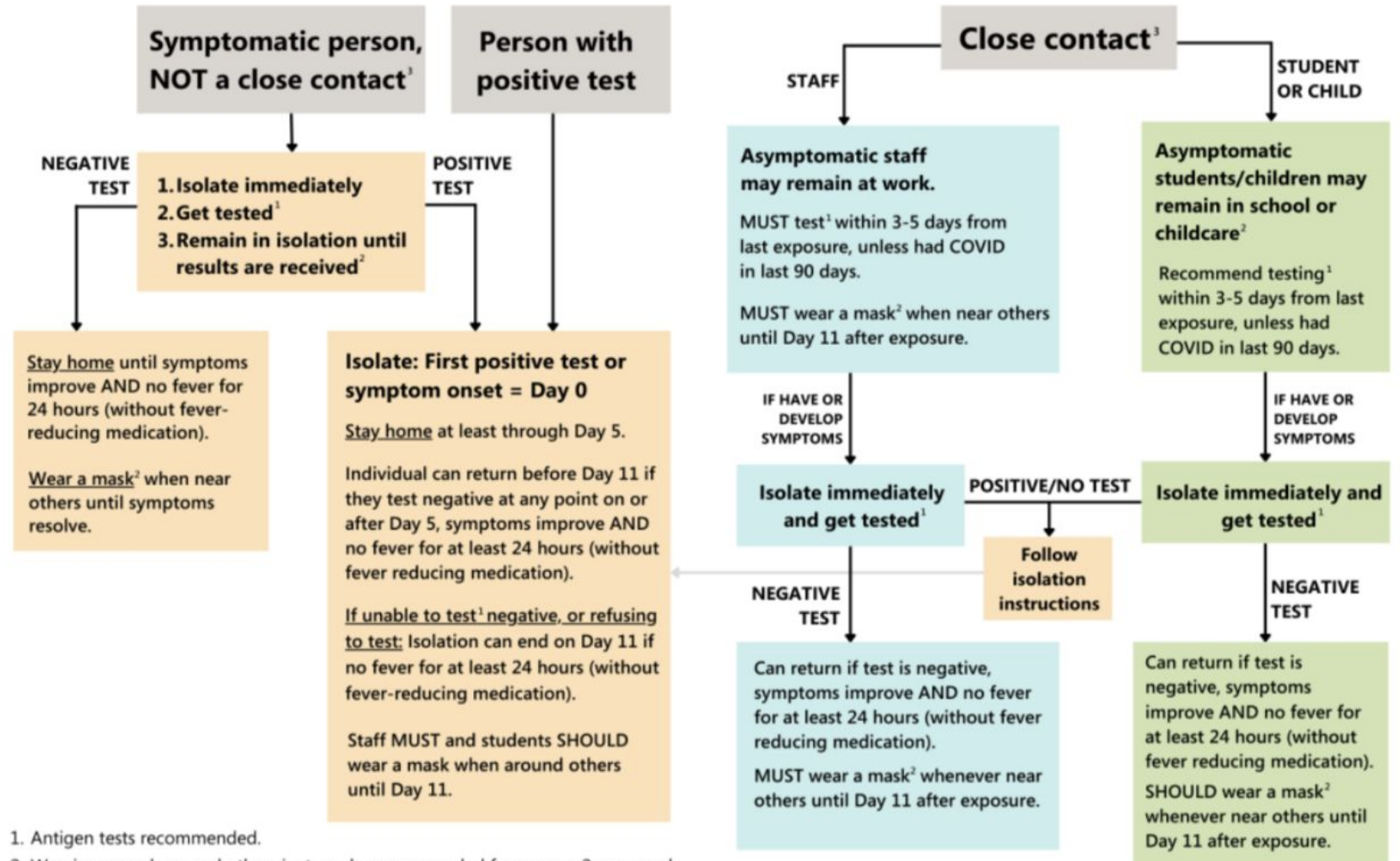Katja Koehler (Communications and Marketing)

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Decision Tree

We will continue to follow the Decision Tree from Santa Clara County for both campuses* - unless major differences in community spread occur

No more quarantine, regardless of vaccination status

*many teachers, staff and students travel between both campuses

COVID-19 Decision Tree for TK-12 and Childcare (8.09.22)

Symptomatic person, NOT a close contact[3]

NEGATIVE TEST

1. Isolate immediately
2. Get tested[1]
3. Remain in isolation until results are received[2]

POSITIVE TEST

Person with positive test

Stay home until symptoms improve AND no fever for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication).

Wear a mask[2] when near others until symptoms resolve.

Isolate: First positive test or symptom onset = Day 0

Stay home at least through Day 5.

Individual can return before Day 11 if they test negative at any point on or after Day 5, symptoms improve AND no fever for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medication).

If unable to test[1] negative, or refusing to test: Isolation can end on Day 11 if no fever for at least 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication).

Staff MUST and students SHOULD wear a mask when around others until Day 11.

Close contact[3]

STAFF

Asymptomatic staff may remain at work.

MUST test[1] within 3-5 days from last exposure, unless had COVID in last 90 days.

MUST wear a mask[2] when near others until Day 11 after exposure.

IF HAVE OR DEVELOP SYMPTOMS

Isolate immediately and get tested[1]

POSITIVE/NO TEST

Follow isolation instructions

NEGATIVE TEST

Can return if test is negative, symptoms improve AND no fever for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medication).

MUST wear a mask[2] whenever near others until Day 11 after exposure.

STUDENT OR CHILD

Asymptomatic students/children may remain in school or childcare[2]

Recommend testing[1] within 3-5 days from last exposure, unless had COVID in last 90 days.

IF HAVE OR DEVELOP SYMPTOMS

Isolate immediately and get tested[1]

NEGATIVE TEST

Can return if test is negative, symptoms improve AND no fever for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medication).

SHOULD wear a mask[2] whenever near others until Day 11 after exposure.

1. Antigen tests recommended.
2. Wearing a mask around others is strongly recommended for anyone 2 years and older expect when eating or sleeping.
3. Close contact = someone sharing the same indoor airspace for a cumulative total of ≥ 15 minutes over a 24-hour period during a confirmed case's infectious period.

Santa Clara County PUBLIC HEALTH

As many people have traveled we will require masking indoors for the start of school

We will test on the first three weeks of school and make a decision to soon move to **Voluntary Masking**

People who reported always wearing a mask in indoor public settings were less likely to test positive for COVID-19 than people who didn't*

WEARING A MASK LOWERED THE ODDS OF TESTING POSITIVE
Among 534 participants reporting mask type†

NO MASK   CLOTH MASK#   SURGICAL MASK   RESPIRATOR (N95/KN95)

56% lower odds

66% lower odds

83% lower odds

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COVID-19 County Check

Find community levels and prevention steps by county. Data updated weekly.

🟠 High

In **Santa Clara County, California**, community level is **High**.

- Wear a mask indoors in public
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Get tested if you have symptoms
- Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for severe illness

🟡 Medium

In **San Francisco County, California**, community level is **Medium**.

- If you are at high risk for severe illness, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- Get tested if you have symptoms

We will continue to provide good ventilation and proper hygiene in all classrooms

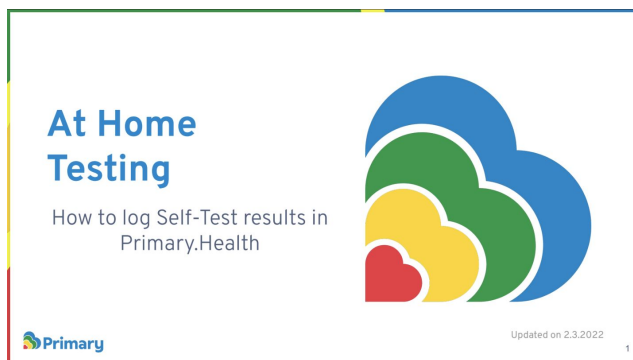# Testing Will Now Take Place at Home

- We require home tests with upload to Primary Health during the first three weeks of school and after long weekends and school breaks on at least the following days:
  - August 22
  - August 30
  - September 6
  - October 4
  - October 24
  - November 28
- In case of an exposure close contacts will be given two home tests for uploading to Primary Health. One for the next morning and for a 3 days after the exposure.

Click below box for step by step directions on uploading home test results

At Home Testing

How to log Self-Test results in Primary.Health

Primary

Updated on 2.3.2022

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In Case of an Exposure

- Close contacts will be given two home tests for uploading to Primary Health.
  One for the next morning and for a 3 days after the exposure.

- Only the parents of close contacts will be informed and we will no longer
  send all community exposure emails

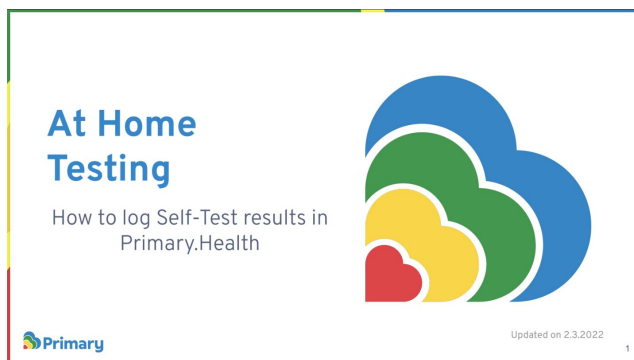- No more quarantine for asymptomatic students regardless of vaccination status

How to Upload Results

You should have received an email from Primary.Health with a link to **"Complete consent for COVID-19 test"**, please follow the instruction and submit.

If you did not already receive the email from Primary Health, you can go to the [Primary website](#) and on the second line from the top it says registered already with Primary? [Click here](#) to find your link to enter your COVID-19 test results.

New parents only: Please follow this registration link if your child is not registered yet: [Click here](#)

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COVID-19 and AQI

It's Wildfire Season

- AQI at 100+: Students can stay inside during recess; running during recess is discouraged; PE is non-exerting exercises only

- AQI at 150+: If measured at 6.30am: campus closed for the day and distance learning takes place (K-12); if measured until 11.30am: all students go home at 1.50pm

High AQI can happen with wildfires increasing in the late summer.

Measures against COVID-19 and high AQI are mutually exclusive!

Questions?

If you are unable to find the answer to your question please contact

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