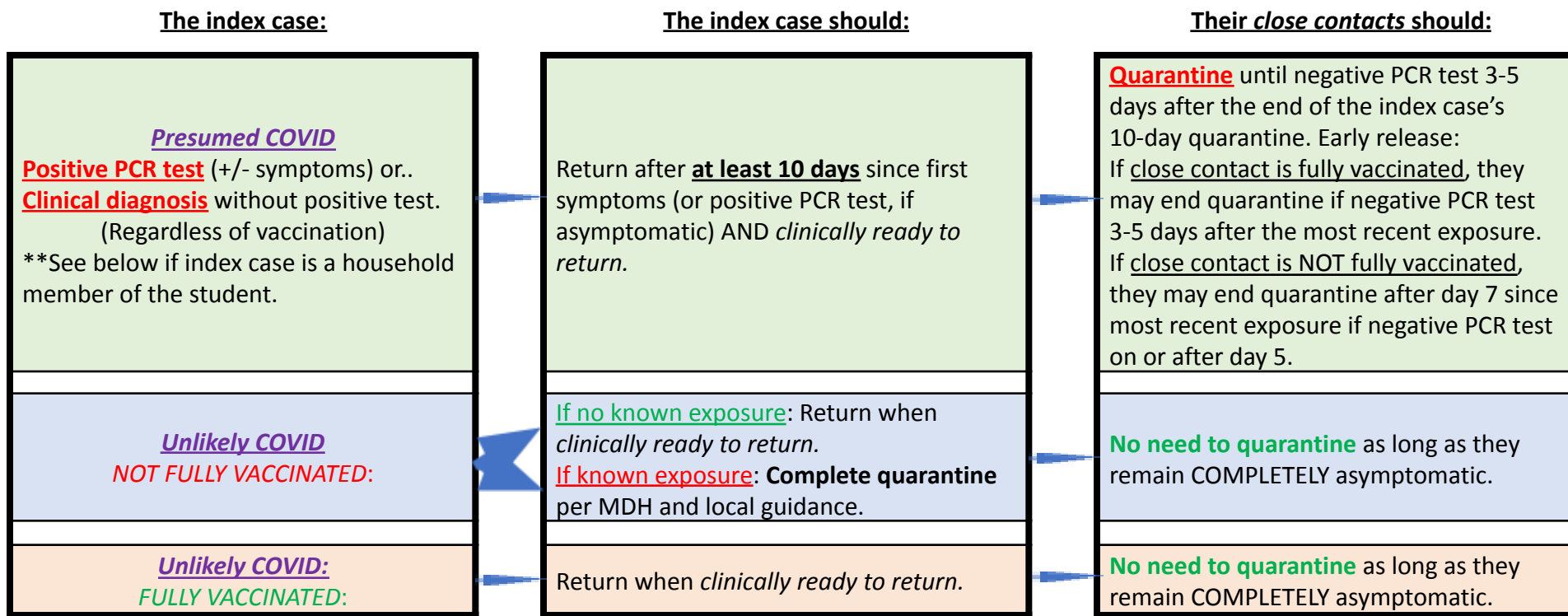


# Decision Aid: KSDS & GECC Exclusion/Return for Persons with COVID-19/Symptoms and Close Contacts

## Definitions:

- “**COVID-19 symptoms**”: Any ONE of the following: **Fever of 100.0°F or higher, sore throat, cough, difficulty breathing, diarrhea, vomiting, shivering, muscle pain, significant fatigue, runny nose, stuffy nose, new headache, or loss of taste or smell.**  
\*For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, this should represent a change from baseline.
- “**Clinically ready to return**”: Improvement of symptoms AND no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
- “**Close contacts**”: People together indoors while unmasked (such as while eating).
- “**Fully vaccinated**”: 2 or more weeks after receiving either 1) both doses of a 2-dose vaccine series or 2) a single-dose vaccine.
- “**Unlikely COVID**”: Symptoms as above and either 1) negative PCR test or 2) health care provider documents symptoms are assuredly due to a specific alternative diagnosis (ex. otitis, asthma).
- “**The index case**”: The person with either symptoms or positive test (can be student, teacher, household member, or a close contact).

**If COVID-19 symptoms are present, do not send the child to school; instead:** Notify school    Consult a health care provider    Test (PCR) for COVID-19 if directed    Follow the below:



**\*\*Clarification for situations where KSDS or GECC student household member tests positive:**

(Note this also applies also while their test result is pending)

If a KSDS or GECC Parent/Sibling tests positive, the child must remain out of school until they have a negative PCR test 3-5 days after the 10-day quarantine period of the ill household member.

Early return:

The child may return sooner if and only if all of the below are met:

- 1) the child is **vaccinated**, **AND**
- 2) **isolation** of the ill household member occurred and continues (no contact between child and ill household member), **AND**
- 3) the child has remained **asymptomatic** throughout, **AND**
- 4) the child had a **negative PCR test** 3-5 days after last contact with the ill household member, **AND**

OR:

- 1) the child is **unvaccinated**, **AND**
- 2) **isolation** of the ill household member occurred and continues (no contact between child and ill household member), **AND**
- 3) the child has remained **asymptomatic** throughout, **AND**
- 4) the child had a **negative PCR test** 5 or more days after last contact with the ill household member **AND**
- 5) **at least 7 days** have passed since last contact with the ill household member

Example: Child's parent tests positive on 9/1 with symptoms starting the same day (or no symptoms).

- If parent self isolates effectively, and has no contact with child over the next 10 days, then:
  - the VACCINATED child could return as early as 9/6 if they had a negative PCR test on 9/4 or 9/5; or
  - the UNVACCINATED child must wait to return to school until 9/8 with a negative PCR test taken on 9/6.
- If the parent does not isolate from the child, then:
  - the child (VACCINATED or UNVACCINATED) can return to school after a negative PCR test taken 3-5 days after the end of the parent's 10-day quarantine is complete.