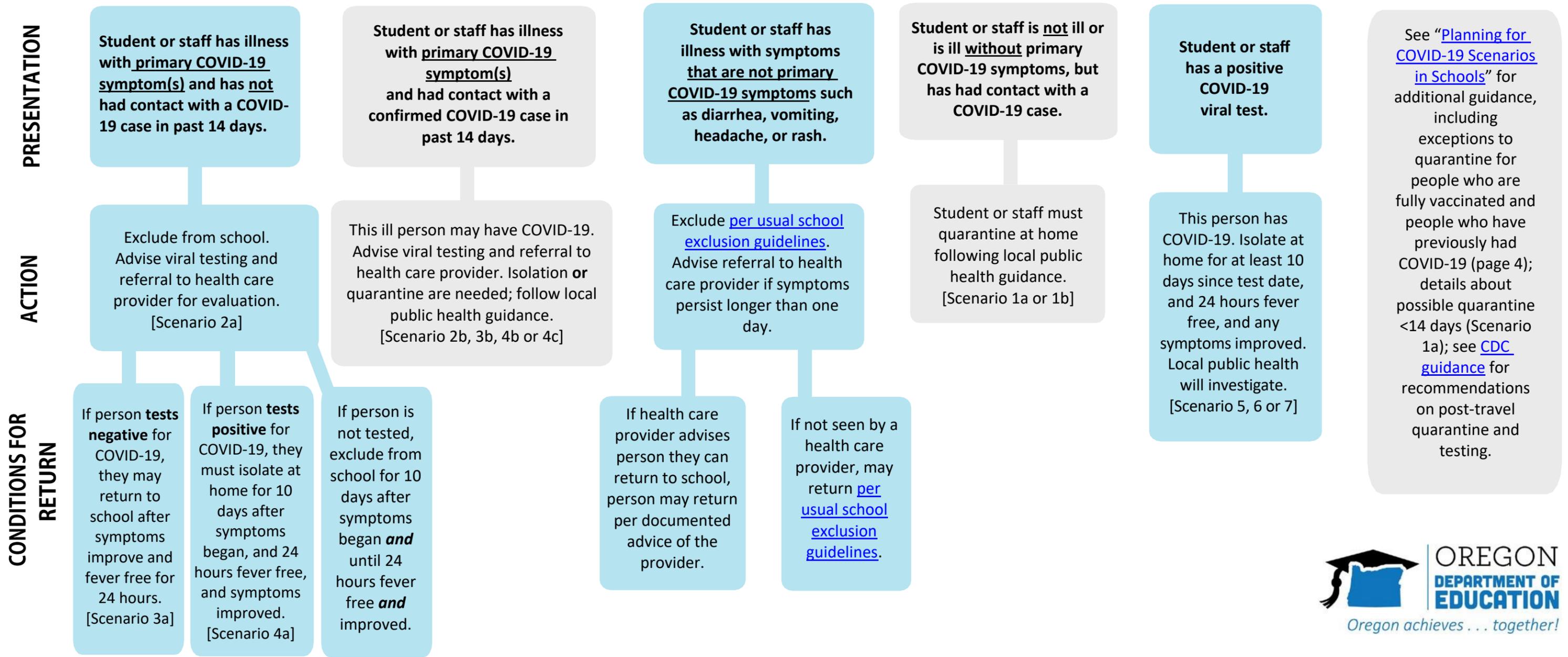


# COVID-19 Exclusion Summary Guidance for K-12

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See "[Planning for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools](#)" for additional guidance, including exceptions to quarantine for people who are fully vaccinated and people who have previously had COVID-19 (page 4); details about possible quarantine <14 days (Scenario 1a); see [CDC guidance](#) for recommendations on post-travel quarantine and testing.



## Important Definitions

**Primary COVID-19 symptoms** include the following:

- Fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or loss of smell

**Fever free** means a temperature less than 100.4°F without the use of fever-reducing medication.

**Quarantine** separates and restricts the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick and prevents disease spread (determined by local public health authority).

**Isolation** separates people with a contagious disease from other people to prevent disease spread (determined by local public health authority).

**Exclusion** means keeping a student with symptoms or diagnosis of a contagious disease out of school to prevent possible disease spread (determined by school).

**Confirmed case** means a person who has a positive result on a COVID-19 diagnostic test.

**Presumptive case** means a person who has not had a positive result on a COVID-19 diagnostic test but has symptoms after contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. (Other situations are possible; refer to Planning for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools for additional information.)