

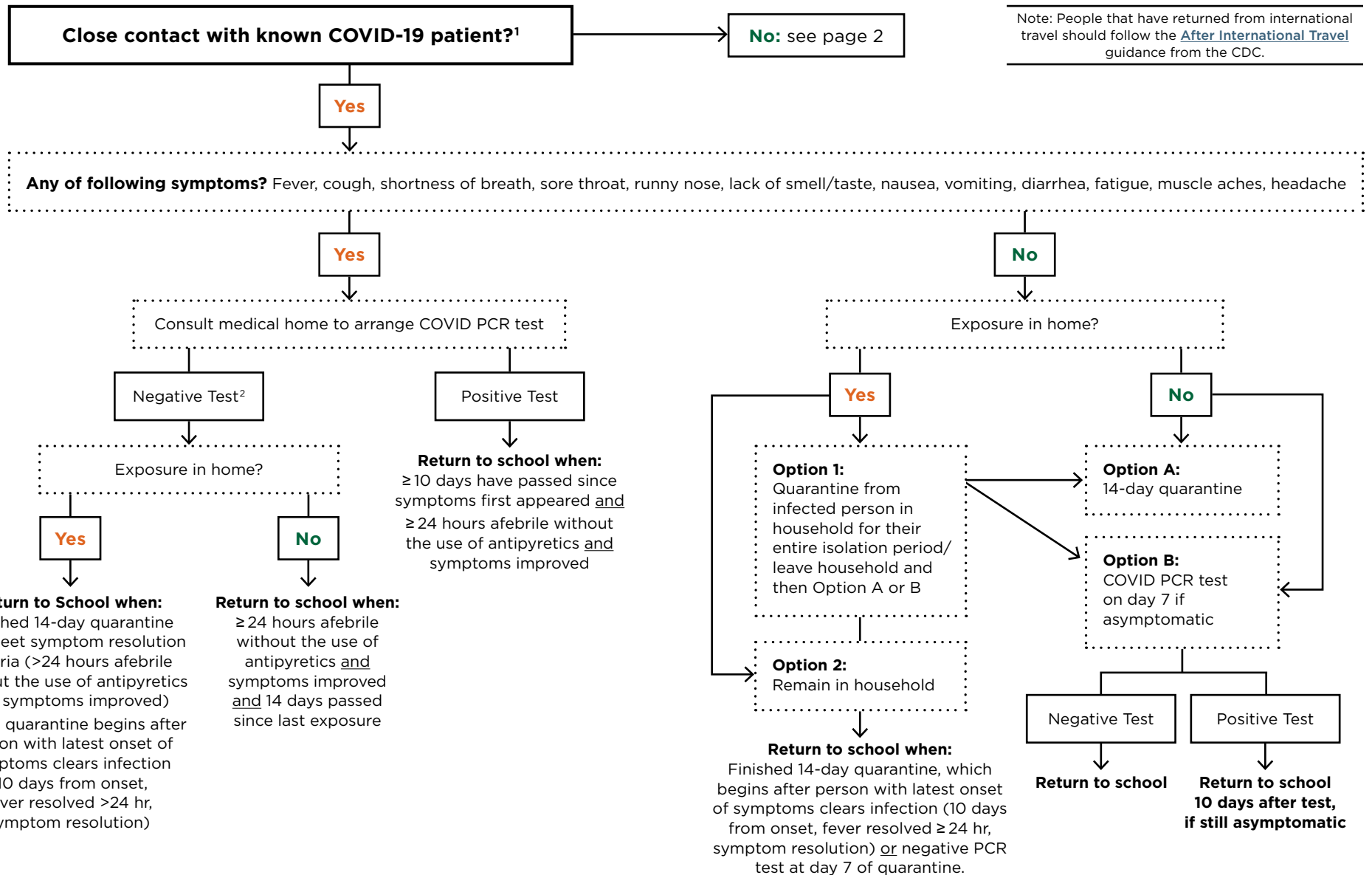
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Triage, Evaluation, Testing and Return to School*

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Current as of April 19, 2021

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²If highly suspect COVID, may repeat test in 24 hours

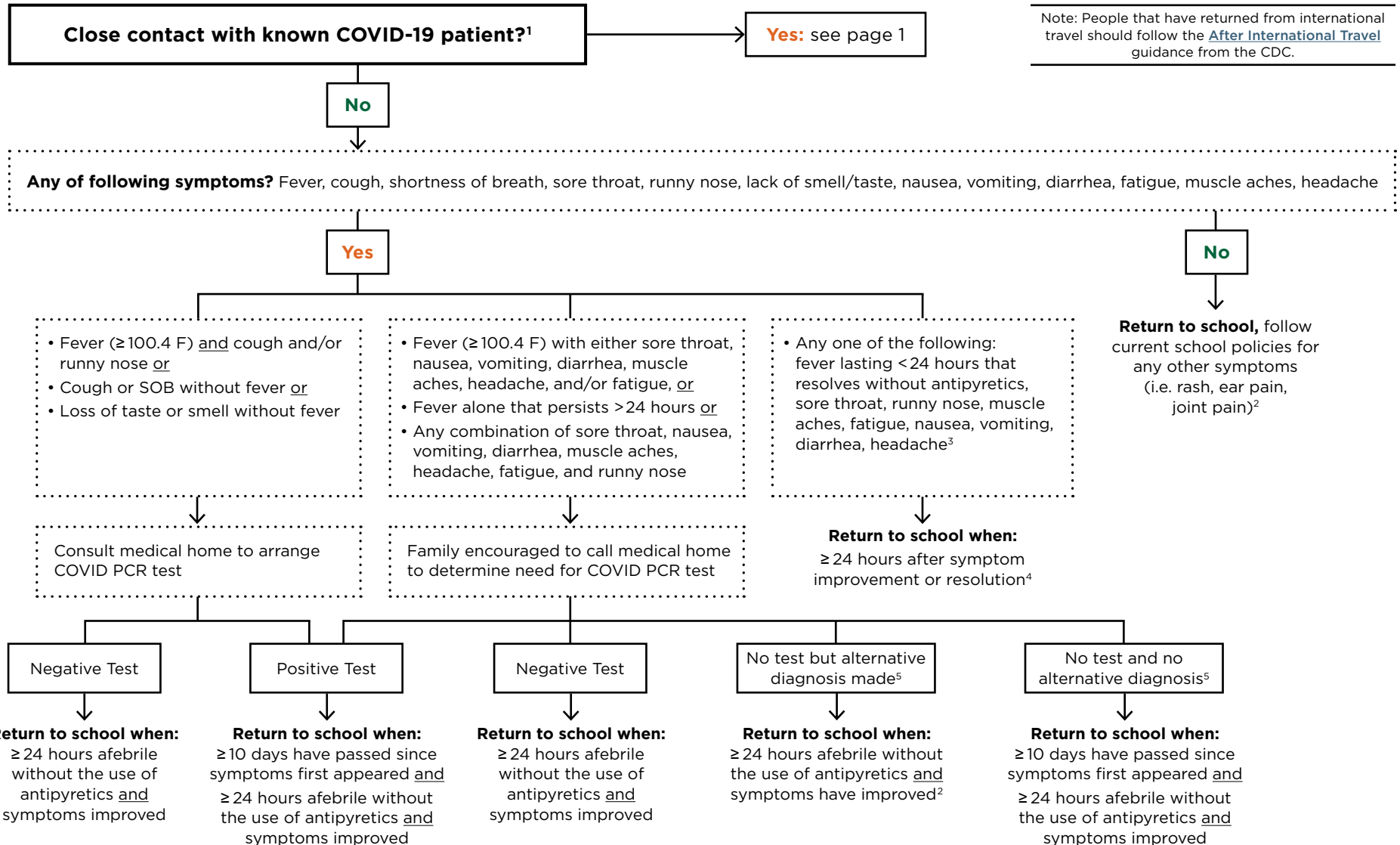
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²Consult usual infectious disease protocols (e.g. Red Book or Caring for Our Children)

³Rash alone, including purple toes, is not currently a CDC listed symptom of acute COVID-19 infection

⁴Parent/caregivers may consult medical home for persistent symptoms

⁵Routine testing of otherwise healthy outpatients for influenza is strongly discouraged this season, in order to preserve testing capacity for SARS-CoV-2. For additional information, please refer to current health department health alerts (HAN) or guidelines for influenza testing.