

# ARMENIAN MESROBIAN SCHOOL

## COVID-19 CONTAINMENT, RESPONSE & CONTROL PLAN:

### POLICIES & PROCEDURES FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR FACULTY/STAFF, STUDENTS and PARENTS GRADES K - 12



Armenian Mesrobian School is committed to meeting the educational needs of students while protecting the health and safety of the entire school community. This document outlines our strategy for re-opening the school to in-person instruction in the safest possible way. Our comprehensive approach to preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19 on campus is based on mandates and guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. We will update this plan as public health regulations and guidelines change.

While we are taking all safety precautions, the successful implementation of this plan relies on the cooperation of our entire school community – faculty, staff, students, parents, volunteers, and families. The compliance of every member of our community is crucial to maintaining our campus safe for in-person instruction. Our collective effort is needed to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students.



## **PREVENTIVE MEASURES**

### **FACE MASKS**

Everyone entering school grounds is required to wear an appropriate face mask. If necessary, the school will provide a mask to any student, employee or visitor who arrives without one. Entrance to school campus and facilities is strictly prohibited to anyone, over the age of two, without a face mask.

- ❖ An appropriate face mask is one that fits properly and covers the nose and mouth (from the bridge of the nose to under the chin).
- ❖ Gaiters, bandanas, and masks with one-way, filter valves are not acceptable face masks, as they do not adequately block the release of infectious particles.
- ❖ For proper hygiene, face masks must be washed or replaced daily.

### **Employees**

- Employees must wear a face mask at all times during the workday, except when eating or drinking.
  - Employees need not wear a face mask when alone in a closed, private office or other private, enclosed space; however, when there is a reasonable expectation that someone else may enter the space at any time, a face mask must be worn.
- Employees must wear a medical-grade mask when caring for a sick student or when they must be in close contact with a student.
- Employees who have a medical condition and a valid exemption from their health care provider for not wearing a face mask must wear a face shield with a form-fitting drape on the bottom edge in order to be in compliance with State directives, as long as their condition permits it.

### **Students**

- Students must wear a face mask at all times during the school day, except when eating or drinking.
- Students using cloth face masks are advised to have at least two at home in order to alternate use, as face masks should be washed daily.
- Elementary school students are required to keep an extra face mask at school in case the one being worn becomes soiled during the day.
- Students who cannot use or tolerate a face mask due to a disability or a medical or mental health condition must present the school a valid exemption from their health care provider and must use alternative protective strategies.

### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

All activities on campus (indoor and outdoor) will be conducted in such a way as to allow physical distancing between individuals. A distance of six feet, but no less than three feet, will be maintained between students, whenever possible. A distance of six feet will be maintained between students and employees as well as between employees.

- Signage throughout campus reminds individuals to maintain six feet of distance from others at all times.
- Faculty and staff will be deployed throughout campus while students are outdoors to monitor and remind students to maintain physical distance.
- Entrance and exit at school gates is separated for student groups in order to avoid crowding.

- Signage indicates one-way direction in areas where individuals might congregate (e.g., cafeteria entrance and exit, staircases, etc.)
- Employee workstations and shared work areas are reconfigured to allow a separation of at least six feet.
- Work activities that require employees to work in groups or share workspaces are minimized to the extent possible and reconfigured to allow employees to maintain a separation of at least six feet.
- Group activities that require students to be in close contact are modified to allow students to maintain a distance of six feet, but no less than three feet.
- Shared work stations and furniture designed for in-class group activities that bring students physically close are removed.
- Students' desks and chairs are separated by six feet.
- Teachers' desks in classrooms are separated by a minimum of six feet from the nearest student desks.

### **Employees**

- The Faculty Room will now serve as a short-term, shared workspace only; breaks should be taken outdoors or individually in designated workstations. Maximum occupancy of five.

### **Students**

- Lockers are out of use for junior high and high school students; students should carry their belongings with them or store them during the school day in their classrooms.
- Schedules are staggered to the extent possible, particularly for breaks, for student groups in elementary school, middle school and high school.

## **HANDWASHING**

Handwashing will be emphasized as part of healthy hygiene practices.

- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water and/or to clean their hands with sanitizer before entering and leaving the classroom, before and after eating, before and after any group activities, and as needed throughout the day.
  - Students in grades K-5 will be regularly scheduled for frequent mandatory handwashing breaks; proper handwashing will be modeled and monitored by teachers.
- Portable handwashing stations are installed throughout campus so as to be easily accessible to elementary school students and employees.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are installed throughout campus so as to be easily accessible to older students (over age nine), employees and visitors; hand sanitizer is available in every classroom, office and shared space.
  - Hand sanitizer use by students under age nine will be with adult supervision; hand sanitizer bottles and dispensers are placed out of reach of young students.
- Employees will be encouraged to wash their hands between sessions and throughout the workday.

## **CLEANING and DISINFECTION**

In addition to enhanced cleaning and disinfection after school hours, supplemental cleaning and disinfection will be done throughout the day.

- Shared equipment and objects are eliminated in classrooms and throughout campus to the extent possible; when equipment or objects must be shared, they will be disinfected between users.

- Frequently touched surfaces (tables, countertops, doorknobs, handles, switches, handrails, grab bars, etc.) in common areas will be disinfected, as necessary, throughout the day by the Day Custodian.
- Common areas will be cleaned and disinfected according to the following schedule.
  - Faculty Room: end of day
  - Employee Restrooms: end of day
  - Student Restrooms: at lunch break (if necessary); end of day
  - Classrooms: end of day
  - Laboratory/Library/Computer Lab: between uses by stable groups
  - Offices: at lunch break (if necessary); end of day
  - Auditorium/Cafeteria: after each lunch session; after each use for other, non-meal purposes
- Cleaning products that are EPA-approved to be effective against COVID-19 will be used along with acceptable substitutes, when needed, per Department of Public Health standards.

### **Employees**

- Employees are assigned their own supplies in order to eliminate or minimize sharing.
- Shared items in the kitchenette of the Faculty Room are removed or, if not practical, must be disinfected after each use. Employees should store their belongings in their workstations and bring their own food and drink from home.
- Shared equipment in the Faculty Room (e.g., copy machine, paper cutter, etc.) must be disinfected after each use.
- Employees are responsible for disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects (e.g., handles, tables, doorknobs, etc.) in their workstations throughout the day as needed, but at least once daily.
- Cleaning stations are installed throughout campus with restricted access and supplies stored out of students' reach.
- Additional cleaning and disinfection supplies are available in the Custodial Supply Room and the Administration Office for distribution to employees by office staff.
- Employees are trained on the proper use of cleaning and disinfection products according to product labels; personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, and eyewear) is provided for appropriate use with products.

### **Students**

- Water fountains are out of use for drinking; students should bring their own filled water bottles from home and use the refill stations on campus as necessary.

## **PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

The school has a sufficient supply of necessary personal protective equipment for employees to use as needed, especially when providing personal care to students and when performing cleaning and disinfection tasks. Additionally, disposable face masks are available for employees, students and visitors.

## **VENTILATION**

- Classroom and office doors and windows must be left open while occupied by two or more individuals, except when outdoor air quality and conditions make this inappropriate.
- The school's Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning systems have been inspected for proper functioning.
- Air filters will be upgraded to ones with a rating of MERV 13, to the extent feasible; other air purifying technology will be employed as necessary.
- Outdoor areas will be used to the extent possible for all activities that can be conducted outside.

## **WELLNESS SCREENING**

All individuals entering school facilities must undergo a wellness screening for any of the common symptoms related to COVID-19 and for recent exposure history. The screening asks if an individual currently has:

- ❖ Fever (100.4 degrees or higher) or chills;
  - ❖ Headache;
  - ❖ Cough;
  - ❖ Sore throat;
  - ❖ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
  - ❖ Congestion or runny nose;
  - ❖ Fatigue;
  - ❖ Loss of taste or smell;
  - ❖ Muscle or body aches;
  - ❖ Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea;
  - ❖ Recent exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19;
  - ❖ Been issued an order for quarantine or isolation.
- The screening must be completed daily by employees and students/parents before arrival on campus via the WellEntry mobile app.
  - Upon arrival, designated staff will verify screening results and perform temperature checks for each individual; employees' oxygen saturation levels will also be checked.
  - Individuals who screen positive at entry will not be allowed to enter school facilities.

## **COVID-19 ILLNESS POLICY**

The following supplements the school's established illness policy.

Employees and students **should not come to school** if:

- experiencing any of the common symptoms associated with COVID-19 listed above;
  - they have been exposed to an individual infected with COVID-19 during the infectious period.
- ❖ An individual is considered to have been *exposed* if at least one of the following criteria is met:
    - being within six feet of the infected person for 15 minutes or more during a 24-hour period;
    - having contact with the infected person's body fluids and/or secretions (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing utensils or saliva, or providing care without using appropriate protective equipment).
  - ❖ An individual is considered to be *infectious* from two days before their symptoms first appeared (if symptomatic) or two days before testing positive for COVID-19 (if asymptomatic) until they are no longer required to isolate (see the "Containment and Response" section below for more information about the required isolation period).

Employees and students/parents **must immediately notify the school** if they:

- are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19;
- have been exposed to an individual infected with COVID-19 during the infectious period;
- have tested positive for COVID-19.

Immediately Notify

Hermin Bilamejian at (562) 699-2057

or at

[info@mesrobian.org](mailto:info@mesrobian.org)

During and Outside of School Hours

## **OPERATIONAL CHANGES**

### **MODIFICATIONS TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION**

In accordance with our preventive measures, certain changes have been made to our academic and extracurricular programming in an effort to reduce the risk of exposure to and transmission of the coronavirus within the school community. Below are the most notable of those changes.

- Students are separated by grade level and assigned to stable learning groups, which have fixed membership and stay together for all activities throughout the school day, without mixing with any other groups.
  - Opportunities for the mixing of stable groups and the mingling of students from different stable groups during the school day are diminished.
    - Stable groups are assigned to specific restrooms to use at all times, an outdoor area to use during recess, and an area to use for eating lunch.
    - Stable groups will not transition between classrooms to the extent feasible.
    - Use of shared spaces will be on a staggered or intermittent schedule to avoid simultaneous use by more than one stable group; high-touch surfaces in shared spaces will be disinfected between uses by different stable groups.
  - ☐ *Members of different stable groups from different households should limit their contact outside of the school setting.*
- Certain activities will be done outdoors whenever possible.
- Music instruction is conducted with physical distancing of more than six feet between students.
- Instruction for certain classes is done entirely online.
- Physical Education is done outdoors involving activities that allow proper physical distancing and do not include contact sports; changing rooms will be occupied by no more than one stable group at a time.
- Sports activities are limited to individual and team conditioning trainings that are conducted outdoors and that allow proper physical distancing.
- Students involved in special instructional or extracurricular activities are separated into small cohorts consisting of no more than 14 students and two supervising adults.

## **IN-PERSON and ONLINE INSTRUCTION**

- The school may employ the following strategies throughout the academic year for all or some stable groups:
  - a) Full, in-person instruction model, with the individual option for students to continue online instruction;
    - o *All in-person instruction will continue to be live-streamed and available for distance learning.*
  - b) Hybrid instruction model, where a combination of in-person and online instruction is offered;
  - c) Full, online instruction model.
- Employees may have opportunities to work from home whenever possible and when consistent with academic requirements and student needs.

## **SCHOOL ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE**

Details and updates about arrival and departure procedures will be communicated to parents separately.

**Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up** must be done within the scheduled time windows.

- Due to the screening procedures, early or late drop-offs cannot be accommodated.
  - Early arrivals must remain in their vehicles until their scheduled arrival time.
  - Late arrivals will not be admitted.
- Due to the cohorting approach and other measures, late pick-ups cannot be accommodated.
- Parents/Drivers must wear face masks and maintain physical distancing in the parking lot during student drop-off and pick-up.
- Parents/Drivers are not permitted access to school facilities beyond the entry gates in the parking lot.

**Bus Transportation** is not currently offered.

**Carpooling** is strongly discouraged. If it is absolutely necessary, it should be arranged between students in the same stable group. Every occupant (over the age of two) in the vehicle should wear a face mask at all times. Students from different households and/or different stable groups should sit as far apart as possible. All windows should be open (as weather permits), and the ventilation system should be set to exchange outside/inside air.

## **LUNCH, FOOD and DRINKS**

- Employees and students must bring all food (lunch and snacks) and drinks from home; the school will not be providing lunch service.
- Employees may choose to eat alone at their workstations or outdoors ensuring a distance of at least six feet from others.
- Students may eat snacks outdoors during breaks in designated spaces that ensure physical distancing within the areas assigned to their stable groups.
- Stable groups are assigned separate, designated spaces in the cafeteria as well as outdoors to eat lunch.
- Seating for lunch is positioned to maintain at least six feet of distance between students within the same stable group.
- Faculty and staff will monitor and remind students to maintain physical distance and ensure that stable groups do not mingle.



## **VISITORS**

Visits by individuals other than school employees and students will be avoided whenever feasible. In-person visits will be limited to those that are essential and will be accepted by appointment only.

- Parents of enrolled students should conduct business with school faculty or staff remotely whenever possible.
- Visitation appointments will be scheduled outside of the arrival and departure time windows.
- Visitors must enter the facility through the back door of the Administration Office, where they will be screened for symptoms, temperature, and oxygen saturation level by staff members.
- Visitors' contact information (name, telephone number and email address) be logged via the WellEntry mobile app.
- All visitors over the age of two are required to wear an appropriate face mask; the school will provide a mask to any visitor who arrives without one.
- All visitors, including prospective students and parents, must remain with designated staff at all times; visits will be restricted to designated areas (i.e., Administration Office, outdoor areas, unoccupied classrooms and spaces) and will avoid any close contact or interaction with any stable groups.

## **CAMPUS USE RESTRICTIONS**

Use of school facilities and grounds for non-school purposes (e.g., community meetings or events) is not permitted while the school is in the open-phase for in-person instruction.

## **CONTAINMENT & RESPONSE** **COVID-19 EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan will be initiated upon identification or notification of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 among our employee and student population.

- ❖ A *suspected case* is an individual who experiences one or more symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or has been exposed to a person with confirmed COVID-19 infection.
- ❖ A *confirmed case* is an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 (via a molecular test).

The immediate implementation of this plan can accelerate our ability to contain the spread of infection and prevent the occurrence of outbreaks at school.

## **COVID-19 COMPLIANCE TEAM**

A COVID-19 Compliance Team has been designated to be responsible for establishing and enforcing all COVID-19 safety protocols and ensuring the education of all employees, students and parents regarding the school's policies and procedures related to COVID-19. Additionally, the team is responsible for initiating and implementing the school's COVID-19 Exposure Management Plan.

The team includes the following members.

- David Ghoogasian, Principal
- Jack Dabbaghian, Athletic Director – School Compliance Officer\*
- Hermin Bilamejian
- Noushig Gilabouchian
- Siranush Modrek
- Ani Zakarian
- Nairy Ghoogasian
- Tamar Satamian
- Aylin Deravedissian
- Marina Cherchian
- Safwan Ibrahim
- Hourig Baghdasarian
- Elliott Walker
- Pedro Mariscal
- Eric Robinson
- Arpy Hamparian
- Rod Flores
- Izabella Tufenkjian

*\*The School Compliance Officer serves as the liaison to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for sharing information that will facilitate public health action; responsibilities include coordinating the monitoring of cases, contact tracing, and outbreak investigation.*

## **MEASURES TO TAKE FOR A SUSPECTED CASE**

When an employee or student:

- screens positive for a symptom consistent with COVID-19 at home or at school,
- develops a symptom consistent with COVID-19 at school during the school day, or
- is identified as a close contact of someone with confirmed COVID-19 infection either within or outside of the school setting,

the COVID-19 Compliance Team will take the following measures, as outlined in Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's *Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons and Contacts of Potentially Infected Persons at Educational Institutions* (Appendix A).

### **1. QUARANTINE and TESTING**

The individual will be asked to remain at home or will be sent home immediately with instructions to consult their medical provider, get tested, and/or quarantine, as applicable.

- A student with a suspected case of COVID-19 will be provided a medical-grade mask and will wait in the designated "Quarantine Area" near the Administration Office; the employee assigned to care for the student will also be provided a medical-grade mask.
- Parents/Guardians will be notified to pick-up the student within 30 minutes.
  - *While we understand that having to pick-up a student unexpectedly causes a disruption to parents' schedules, the successful containment of a possible COVID-19 infection in the school setting – and, therefore, the health of the school community – is dependent on a timely pick-up.*

**Testing Resources:** Employees and students may access testing through their personal healthcare providers or at community testing sites, which are listed at [covid19.lacounty.gov/testing](https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing).

Updates on the individual's health status, including symptoms, test results, and guidance given by a medical provider, should be reported to the School Compliance Officer.

#### **Symptomatic individuals**

- If the medical provider confirms that the symptoms are not consistent with COVID-19, the individual may return to school in accordance with the provider's guidance.
- If the test result is negative for COVID-19, a return to school will be permissible when the individual is fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours and all other symptoms have improved.
- If the test result is positive for COVID-19 or if no testing is done, the individual must isolate at home until: (a) fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours; (b) all other symptoms have improved; and, (c) 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms.

**Asymptomatic individuals / Close contacts:** (see below section, "Measures to Take for a Confirmed Case")

## **2. CONTACT TRACING**

The COVID-19 Compliance Team will identify any close contacts of a potentially infected employee or student and notify them that they may have had an exposure at school; they may remain at school until the exposure is confirmed.

- ❖ A *close contact* is someone who was within six feet of a potentially infected individual for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during their potentially infectious period (as described previously in the "COVID-19 Illness Policy" section) or had direct contact with their bodily fluids/secretions.

If the potentially infected individual tests positive for COVID-19, the team will follow the steps outlined in the below section, "Measures to Take for a Confirmed Case."

## **MEASURES TO TAKE FOR A CONFIRMED CASE**

When the school receives notification that an employee or student has tested positive for COVID-19, the COVID-19 Compliance Team will take the following measures, as outlined in Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's *Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons and Contacts of Potentially Infected Persons at Educational Institutions* (Appendix A).

### **1. ISOLATION**

The individual will be asked to remain at home and isolate or will be sent home immediately with instructions to isolate at home, away from others.

- If at school, a student with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be provided a medical-grade mask and will wait in the designated "Isolation Area" near the Administrative Office; the employee assigned to care for the student will also be provided a medical-grade mask.
- Parents/Guardians will be notified to pick-up the student within 30 minutes.

Individuals with confirmed COVID-19 infection must isolate until:

- fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours, and
- all other symptoms have improved, and
- 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms (for symptomatic individuals) or 10 days have passed since the test date (for asymptomatic individuals).

## **2. CONTACT TRACING**

The COVID-19 Compliance Team will identify any close contacts who may have been exposed to the individual with confirmed COVID-19 during the infectious period. All close contacts will be notified of their exposure and will be sent home immediately with instructions to quarantine and get tested (see above section, “Measures to Take for a Suspected Case”).

- All members of a stable group may be quarantined if exposures cannot be ruled out for the entire group.
- Close contacts who are fully vaccinated (i.e., received their final COVID-19 vaccine dose over two weeks ago) and remain asymptomatic are not required to quarantine and test.

## **3. TESTING and QUARANTINE/ISOLATION**

Employees and students may access testing through their personal healthcare providers or at community testing sites, which are listed at [covid19.lacounty.gov/testing](https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing).

Close contacts must report their status to the School Compliance Officer.

- If the test result is negative for COVID-19 or if no testing is done, a close contact must quarantine at home until 10 days from their last exposure to the infected individual.
- If the test result is positive for COVID-19, the steps outlined in the “Isolation” section above will be followed.

## **4. DISINFECTION**

All areas on campus visited by the individual with confirmed COVID-19 infection will be disinfected as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the day that notification was received.

## **5. REPORTING**

The School Compliance Officer will report the confirmed case to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health within one business day if the individual had been at school at any point within 14 days of testing or symptom onset. Close contacts of the individual will also be reported to the Department. The Department may then contact the individuals with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection to collect information for conducting additional contact tracing.

## **6. COMMUNICATION**

The COVID-19 Compliance Team will notify the school community of the exposure and the precautions that have been taken to prevent spread. The privacy of individuals with confirmed and suspected infection will be maintained.

## **ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO TAKE FOR MORE THAN ONE CONFIRMED CASE**

- If two confirmed cases occur within 14 days, the COVID-19 Compliance Team will determine whether the cases have epidemiological links. If so, the school will reinforce precaution measures to prevent spread and strengthen infection control measures.
  - ❖ Cases are *epidemiologically linked* if the affected individuals were present at some point in the same setting during the same time period while any or all of them were infectious.
- If a cluster of three or more confirmed cases occurs within 14 days, the COVID-19 Compliance Team will immediately report it to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The team will investigate whether at least three of the cases are epidemiologically linked. If links are identified, the Department will determine if the cluster meets criteria for an outbreak. If the criteria are met, a public health investigator will coordinate an outbreak response with the School Compliance Officer.

### **CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR PARTIAL OR FULL CLOSURE OF IN-PERSON SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

The COVID-19 Compliance Team will work with and follow the guidance and determination of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on whether a partial or full closure of in-person instruction and operations will be necessary following an outbreak at the school or within the community.

The school may implement full closure of in-person instruction if:

- the outbreak involves more than 25% of stable groups; or,
- three or more outbreaks occur within 14 days and 5% of the school population is infected.

Instruction will then revert to the full, online instruction model.

The school may return to the full, in-person instruction model or the hybrid instruction model after 14 days, deep cleaning and disinfection of the campus, a public health investigation, and in consultation with the Department of Public Health.

### **COMMUNICATION**

The School Compliance Officer will coordinate communication with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health as well as with the school community.

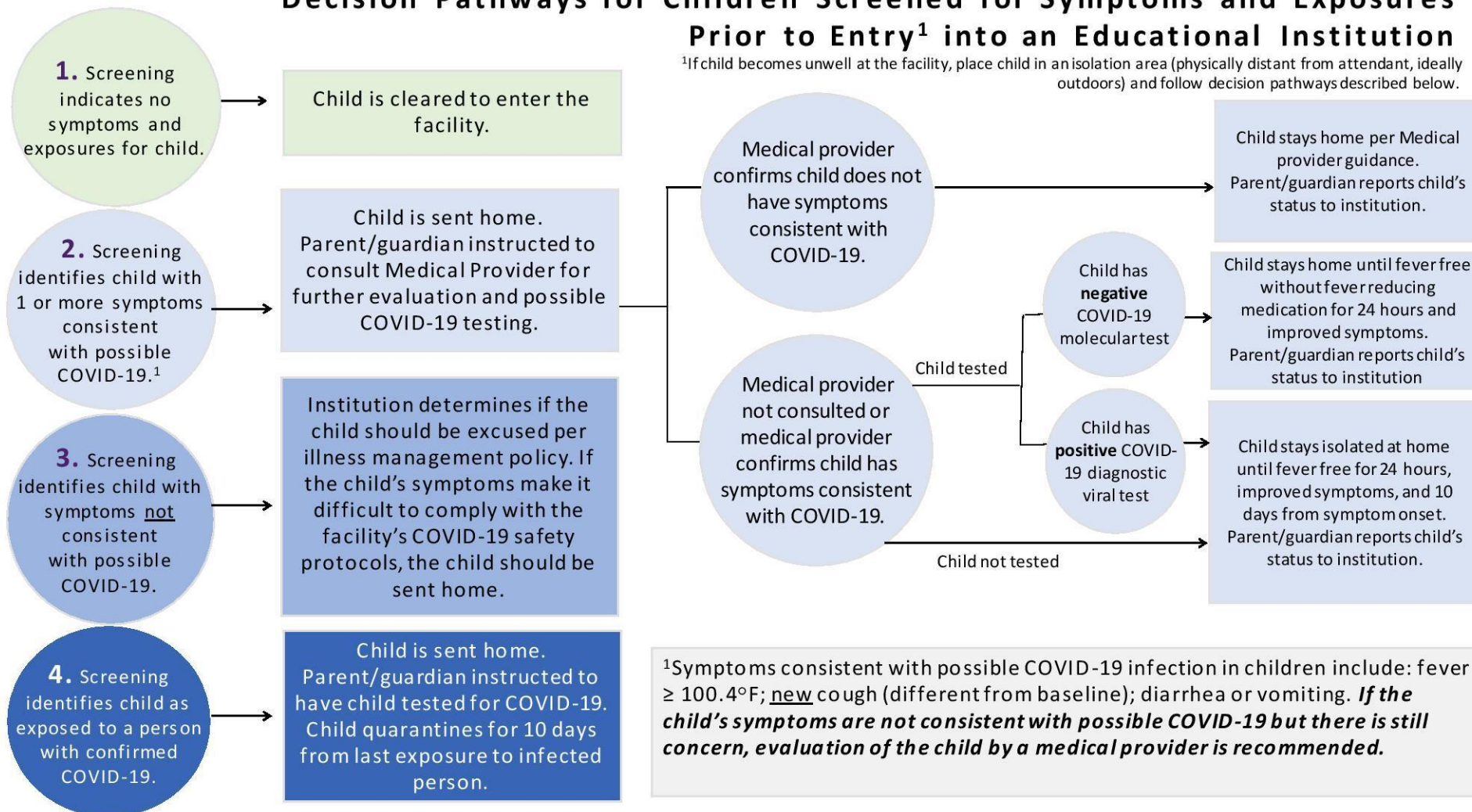
- Notifications regarding exposures and closures will be communicated to the school community via email.
- Employees and students/parents should self-report a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 to the school by contacting Hermin Bilamejian via telephone or email as indicated in the above section, "COVID-19 Illness Policy."

The school is committed to maintaining open, timely and frequent communication with employees, students and families regarding COVID-19 cases and exposures on campus.

## Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons and Contacts of Potentially Infected Persons at Educational Institutions

### Decision Pathways for Children Screened for Symptoms and Exposures Prior to Entry<sup>1</sup> into an Educational Institution

<sup>1</sup>If child becomes unwell at the facility, place child in an isolation area (physically distant from attendant, ideally outdoors) and follow decision pathways described below.



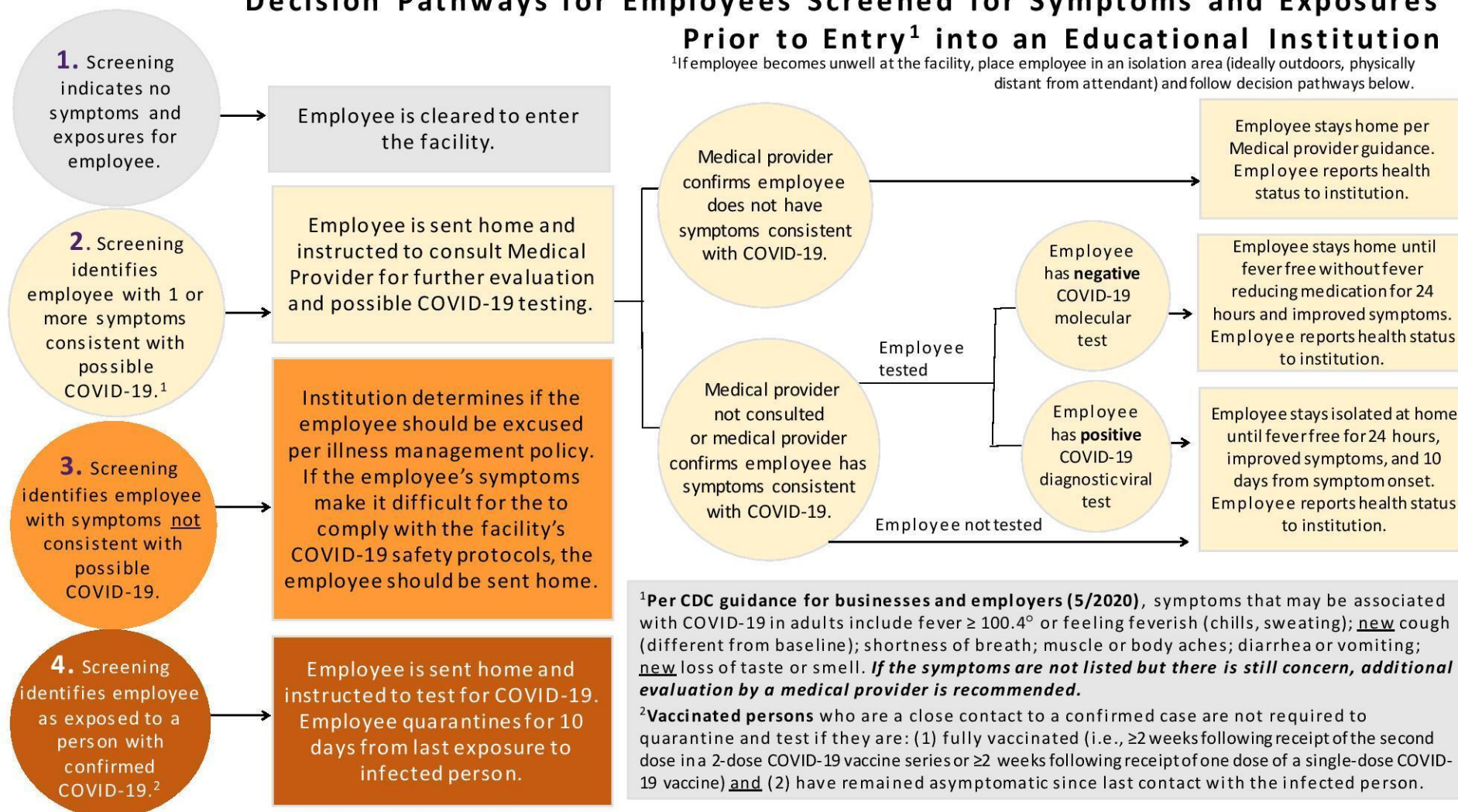
<sup>1</sup>Symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19 infection in children include: fever  $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ; new cough (different from baseline); diarrhea or vomiting. ***If the child's symptoms are not consistent with possible COVID-19 but there is still concern, evaluation of the child by a medical provider is recommended.***



## Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons and Contacts of Potentially Infected Persons at Educational Institutions

### Decision Pathways for Employees Screened for Symptoms and Exposures Prior to Entry<sup>1</sup> into an Educational Institution

<sup>1</sup>If employee becomes unwell at the facility, place employee in an isolation area (ideally outdoors, physically distant from attendant) and follow decision pathways below.



<sup>1</sup>Per CDC guidance for businesses and employers (5/2020), symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19 in adults include fever  $\geq 100.4^{\circ}$  or feeling feverish (chills, sweating); new cough (different from baseline); shortness of breath; muscle or body aches; diarrhea or vomiting; new loss of taste or smell. **If the symptoms are not listed but there is still concern, additional evaluation by a medical provider is recommended.**

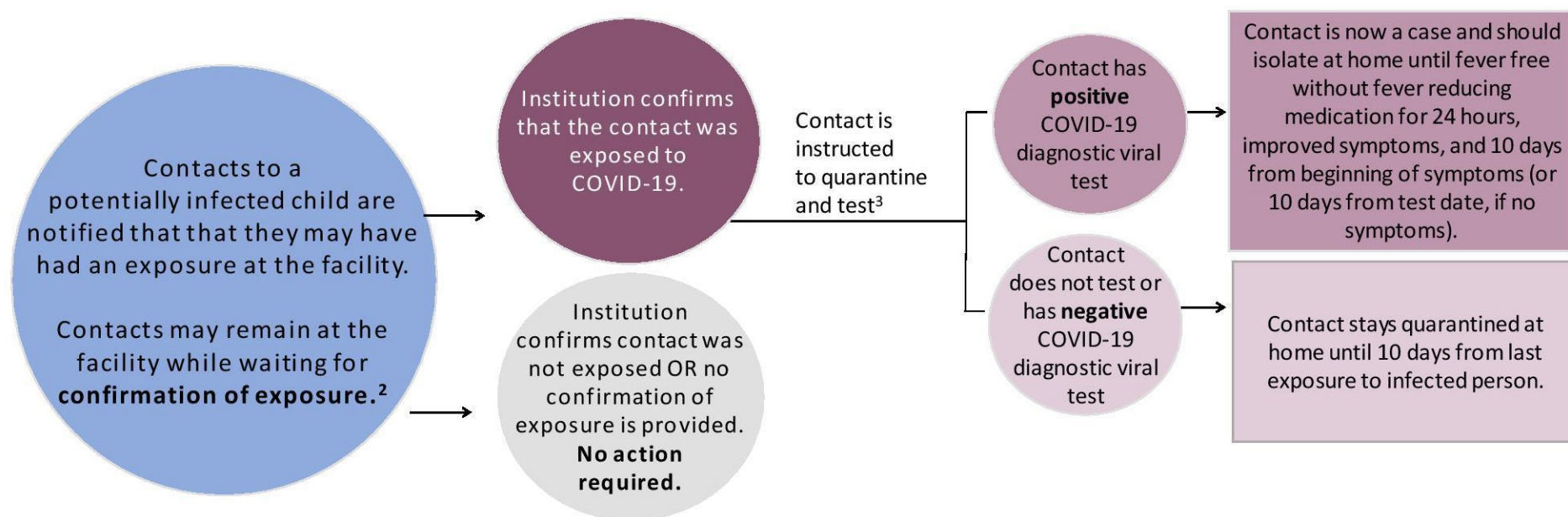
<sup>2</sup>**Vaccinated persons** who are a close contact to a confirmed case are not required to quarantine and test if they are: (1) fully vaccinated (i.e.,  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine) and (2) have remained asymptomatic since last contact with the infected person.

## Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons and Contacts of Potentially Infected Persons at Educational Institutions

### Decision Pathways for Contacts to a Potentially Infected Child<sup>1</sup> at an Educational Institution

<sup>1</sup>A **potentially infected child** is a child with  $\geq 1$  symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19. Symptoms include fever  $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ; new cough (different from baseline); diarrhea or vomiting.

A **close contact of a potentially infected child** is a child or employee at the facility who was within 6 feet for  $\geq 15$  minutes over a 24-hour period with a potentially infected child OR had direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions from a potentially infected child.



<sup>2</sup>**Exposure is confirmed** for a close contact to a potentially infected employee if the Institution receives notification that the potentially infected employee had a positive COVID-19 diagnostic viral test OR received a diagnosis of COVID-19 from a medical provider.

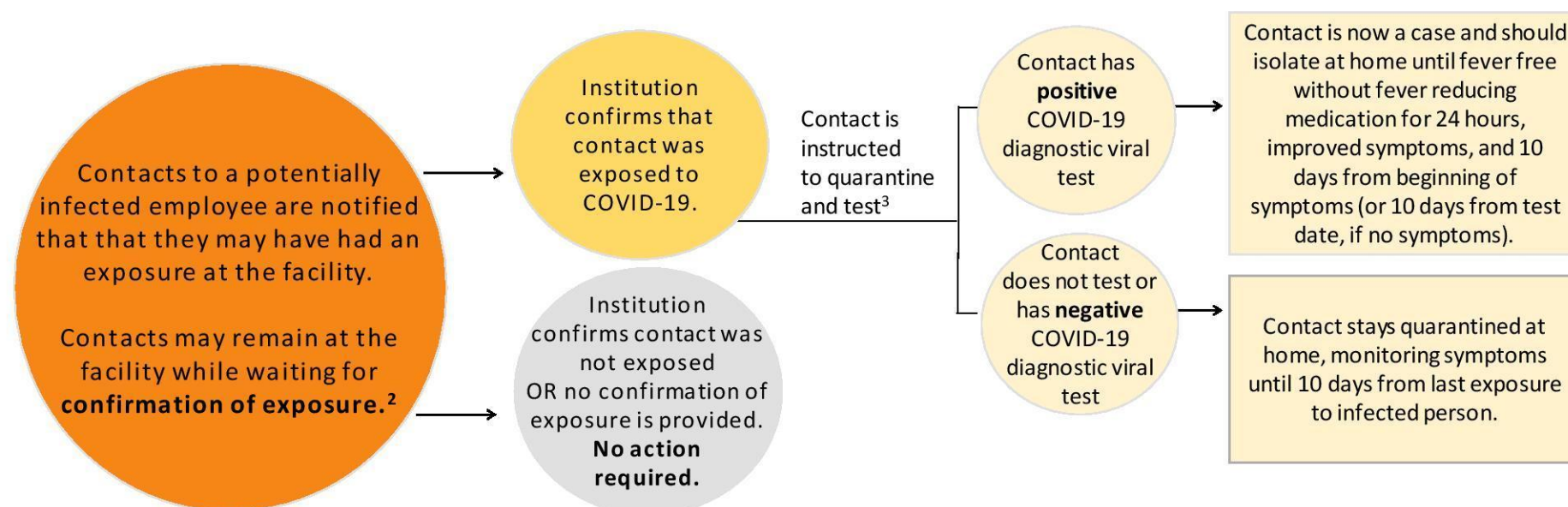
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## Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons and Contacts of Potentially Infected Persons at Educational Institutions

### Decision Pathways for Contacts to a Potentially Infected Employee<sup>1</sup> at an Educational Institution

<sup>1</sup>A **potentially infected employee** is an employee with  $\geq 1$  symptoms consistent with possible COVID-19. Symptoms include fever  $\geq 100.4^\circ$  or feeling feverish (chills, sweating); new cough (different from baseline); shortness of breath; muscle or body aches; diarrhea or vomiting; new loss of taste or smell. A **close contact of a potentially infected employee** is a child or employee at the facility who was within 6 feet for  $\geq 15$  minutes over a 24-hour period with a potentially infected employee OR had direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions from a potentially infected employee.

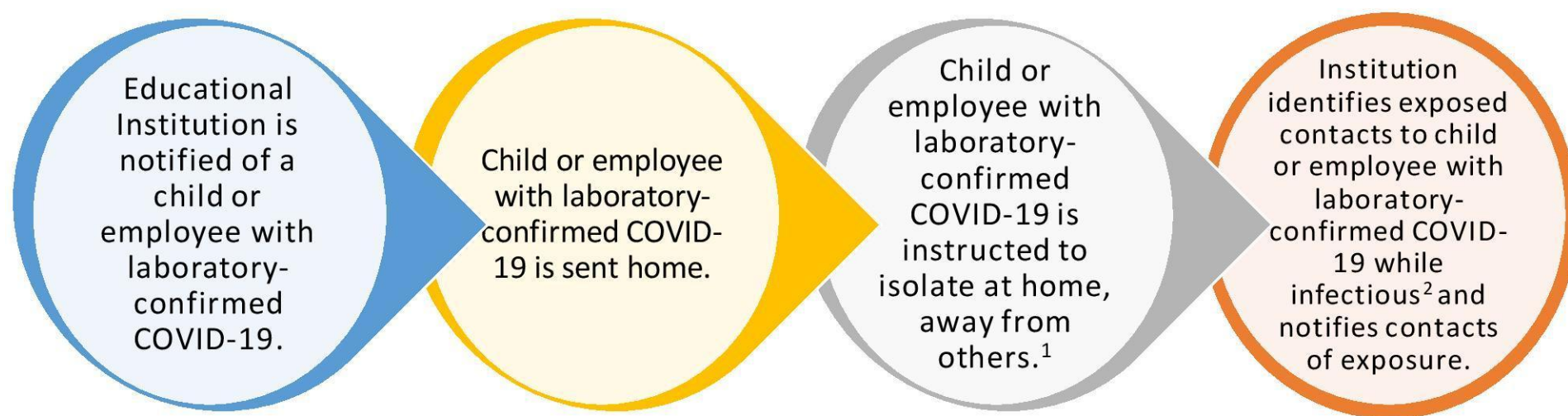


<sup>2</sup>**Exposure is confirmed** for a close contact to a potentially infected employee if the Institution receives notification that the potentially infected employee had a positive COVID-19 diagnostic viral test OR received a diagnosis of COVID-19 from a medical provider.

<sup>3</sup>**Vaccinated persons** who are a close contact to a confirmed case are not required to quarantine and test if they are: (1) fully vaccinated (i.e.,  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine) and (2) have remained asymptomatic since last contact with the infected person.

## Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons and Contacts of Potentially Infected Persons at Educational Institutions

### Guidance for Child or Employee with Laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 at an Educational Institution



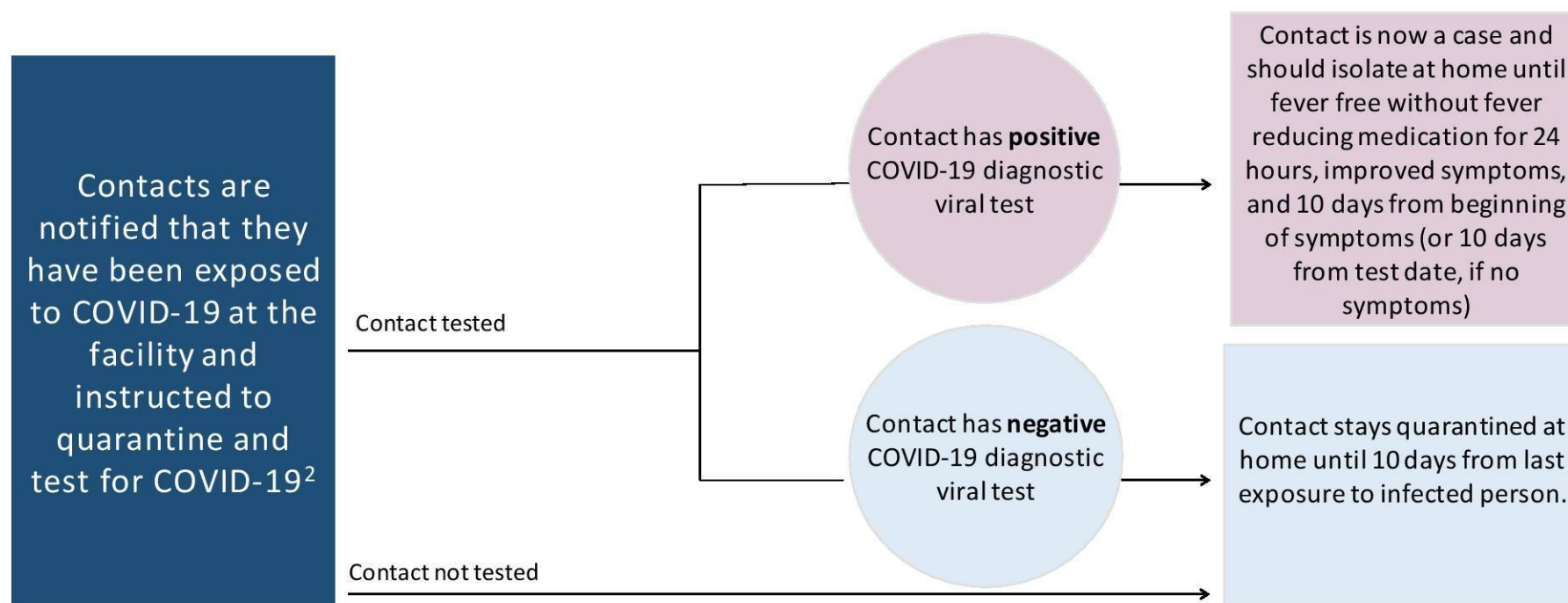
<sup>1</sup> Persons with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 should isolate until fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, improved symptoms, and 10 days from beginning of symptoms (or 10 days from test date, if no symptoms).

<sup>2</sup> The infectious period for an infected person is 48 hours before symptom onset (or test date for persons with no symptoms) until the infected person is no longer required to be isolated.

## Screening and Exposure Decision Pathways for Symptomatic Persons and Contacts of Potentially Infected Persons at Educational Institutions

### Decision Pathways for Contacts<sup>1</sup> to a Child or Employee with Laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 at an Educational Institution.

<sup>1</sup>A close contact to a child or employee with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 is a child or employee at the facility that was within 6 feet for  $\geq 15$  minutes over a 24-hour period with the infected person OR had unprotected direct contact with bodily fluids/secretions from the infected person.



<sup>2</sup>Vaccinated persons who are a close contact to a confirmed case are not required to quarantine and test if they are: (1) fully vaccinated (i.e.,  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose COVID-19 vaccine series or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose COVID-19 vaccine) and (2) have remained asymptomatic since last contact with the infected person.

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

### **Employees**

I have read and understand the information provided in this document.

Notwithstanding these measures, I understand that the School cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19 while working on campus or participating in a School activity due to the nature of the virus. This notice is being provided to inform me that, should I enter the School's premises or participate in School functions, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19, that such exposure may result in the exposure of others with whom I interact including my family, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal illness and/or death.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

### **Parents**

I have read and understand the information provided in this document.

Notwithstanding these measures, the School cannot guarantee that your child will not become infected with COVID-19 while on campus or participating in a School activity due to the nature of the virus. This notice is being provided to inform you that, should your child enter the School's premises or participate in School functions, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that your child may be exposed to or infected with COVID-19, that such exposure may result in the exposure of others with whom your child interacts, including yourself, and that such exposure or infection may result in illness and/or death.

To acknowledge your receipt of this letter, the risks associated with COVID-19, and your assumption of the risks related to your child(ren)'s participation in the School's program, functions, and activities as described above, please sign and date this letter where indicated below. Please return a signed copy of this letter to the school office no later than April 9, 2021.

Please list names of all your children attending Armenian Mesrobian School (K-12)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student #1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student #3

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Please provide the contact information for a third person the school may contact in case we are unable to reach the persons listed on your child's emergency contact sheet.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile Number