

EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF PERSONS WITH NEW UNEXPLAINED SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 AND NO KNOWN EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

This guidance can be used by staff in schools, childcare facilities, and non-health care workplaces to make decisions about excluding ill persons and readmitting them. Health care providers can also use it to guide evaluation and testing decision-making for ill persons from these settings.

- If testing is available, anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should be tested.
- Ill persons should be sent home.
- Facilities with testing resources may initiate COVID-19 testing before sending the ill person home and use test results in conjunction with the diagram below to guide isolation recommendations.
- Public health recommendations from the local health jurisdiction supersedes this guidance and should be sought in the context of a COVID-19 outbreak.
- Ill persons should consider seeking evaluation by a health care provider.
- Critical infrastructure essential workers should not work if having symptoms of COVID-19; consult with local public health for any questions.

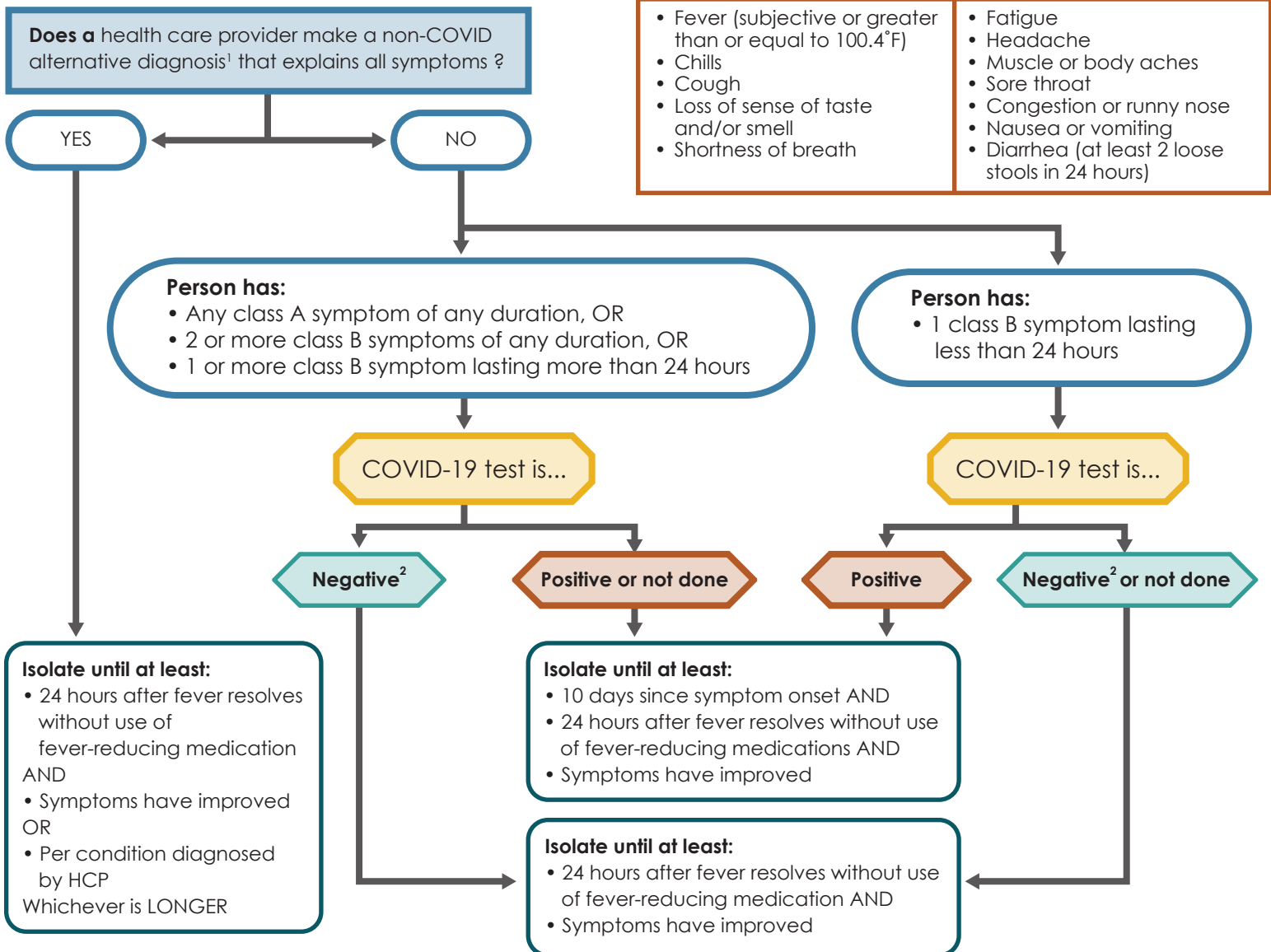
Symptoms consistent with COVID-19

Class A Symptoms

- Fever (subjective or greater than or equal to 100.4°F)
- Chills
- Cough
- Loss of sense of taste and/or smell
- Shortness of breath

Class B Symptoms

- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle or body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea (at least 2 loose stools in 24 hours)



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¹Examples of alternative diagnosis made by health care provider include childhood rash illness, acute otitis media, or a lab confirmed diagnosis such as strep throat or non-COVID-19 viral pathogen. If testing for other viral pathogens, strongly recommend testing for COVID-19 as well.

²In symptomatic persons and when community transmission rate is moderate-high, a negative rapid test should ideally be confirmed with a PCR test performed in a clinical laboratory. For community COVID-19 rate, see [State of Washington COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard](#).