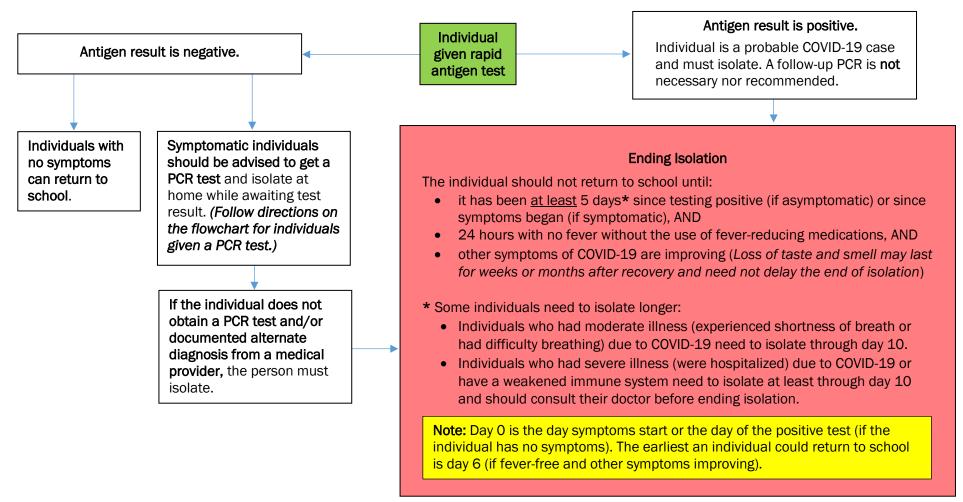


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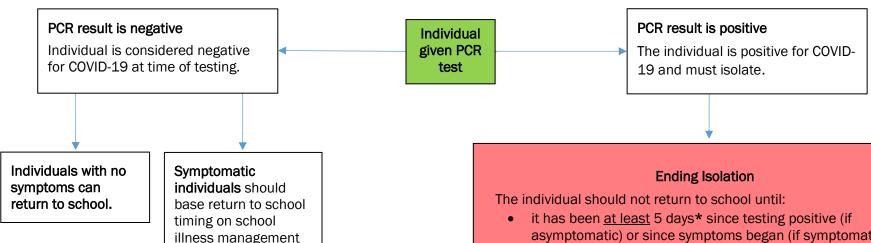
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- asymptomatic) or since symptoms began (if symptomatic),
- 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications. AND
- other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving (Loss of taste and smell may last for weeks or months after recovery and need not delay the end of isolation)
- \* Some individuals need to isolate longer:
  - Individuals who had moderate illness (experienced shortness of breath or had difficulty breathing) due to COVID-19 need to isolate through day 10.
  - Individuals who had severe illness (were hospitalized) due to COVID-19 or have a weakened immune system need to isolate at least through day 10 and should consult their doctor before ending isolation.

**Note:** Day 0 is the day symptoms start or the day of the positive test (if the individual has no symptoms). The earliest an individual could return to school is day 6 (if fever-free and other symptoms improving).