



TESTING FLOWCHARTS FOR SCHOOLS & CHILDCARE CENTERS

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Resources

- [COVID-19: When a Student or Faculty/Staff Member Can Return to School \(Exclusion Table\)](#)
- [Action Plan for a COVID-19 Case in a Dane County School](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services Memo BCD 2021-10 Considerations for Confirmatory Testing of COVID-19 Point-of-Care Tests](#)
- [CDC Quarantine and Isolation guidance](#)

Who is a close contact?

An individual is considered a close contact if any of the following is true:

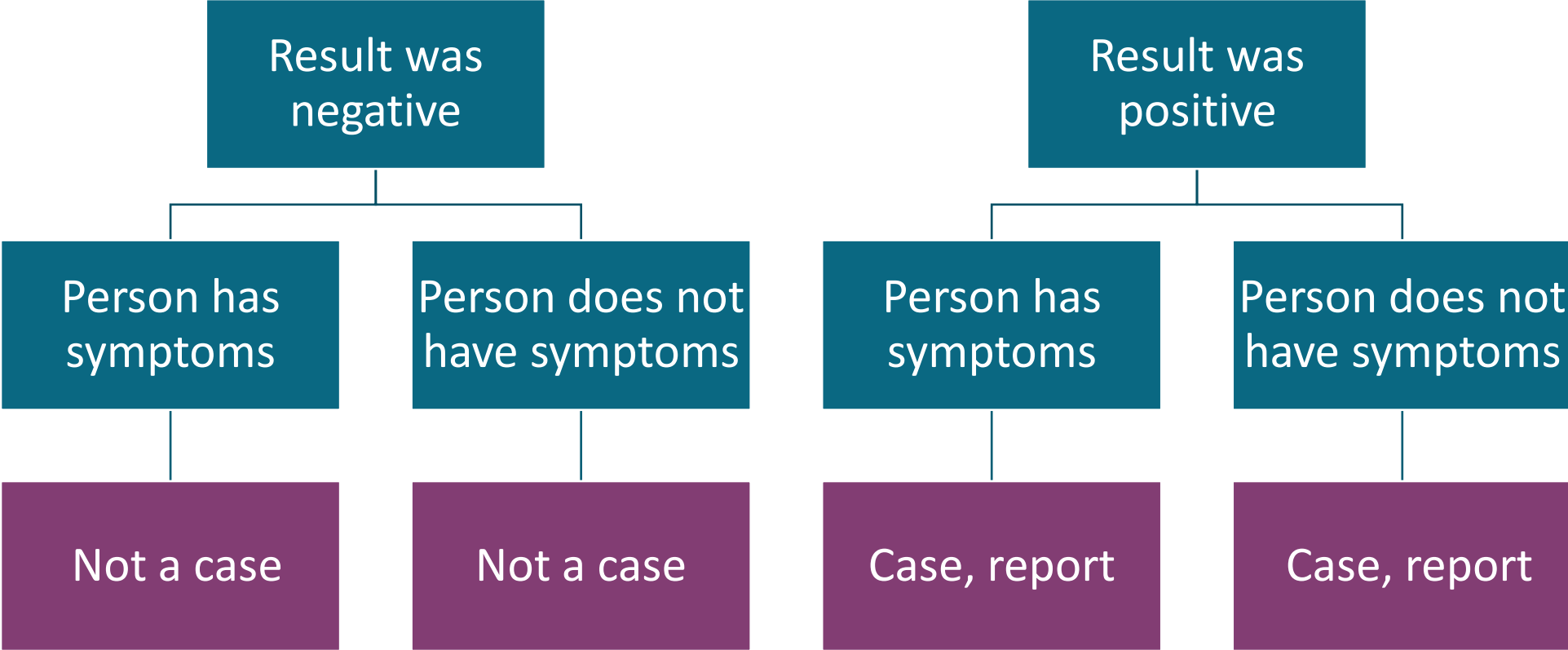
- **Students in a K-12 classroom setting**: Were within 3 feet of a positive person for more than 15 minutes total in a day. Both students must have been wearing well-fitting masks.
- **All other individuals, situations, and non-classroom settings**: Were within 6 feet of a positive person for more than 15 minutes total in a day
- Had physical contact with the person
- Had direct contact with the respiratory secretions of the people (i.e., from coughing, sneezing, contact with dirty tissue, shared drinking glass, food, or other personal items)
- Lives with or stayed overnight for at least one night in a household with the person

Who needs to quarantine?

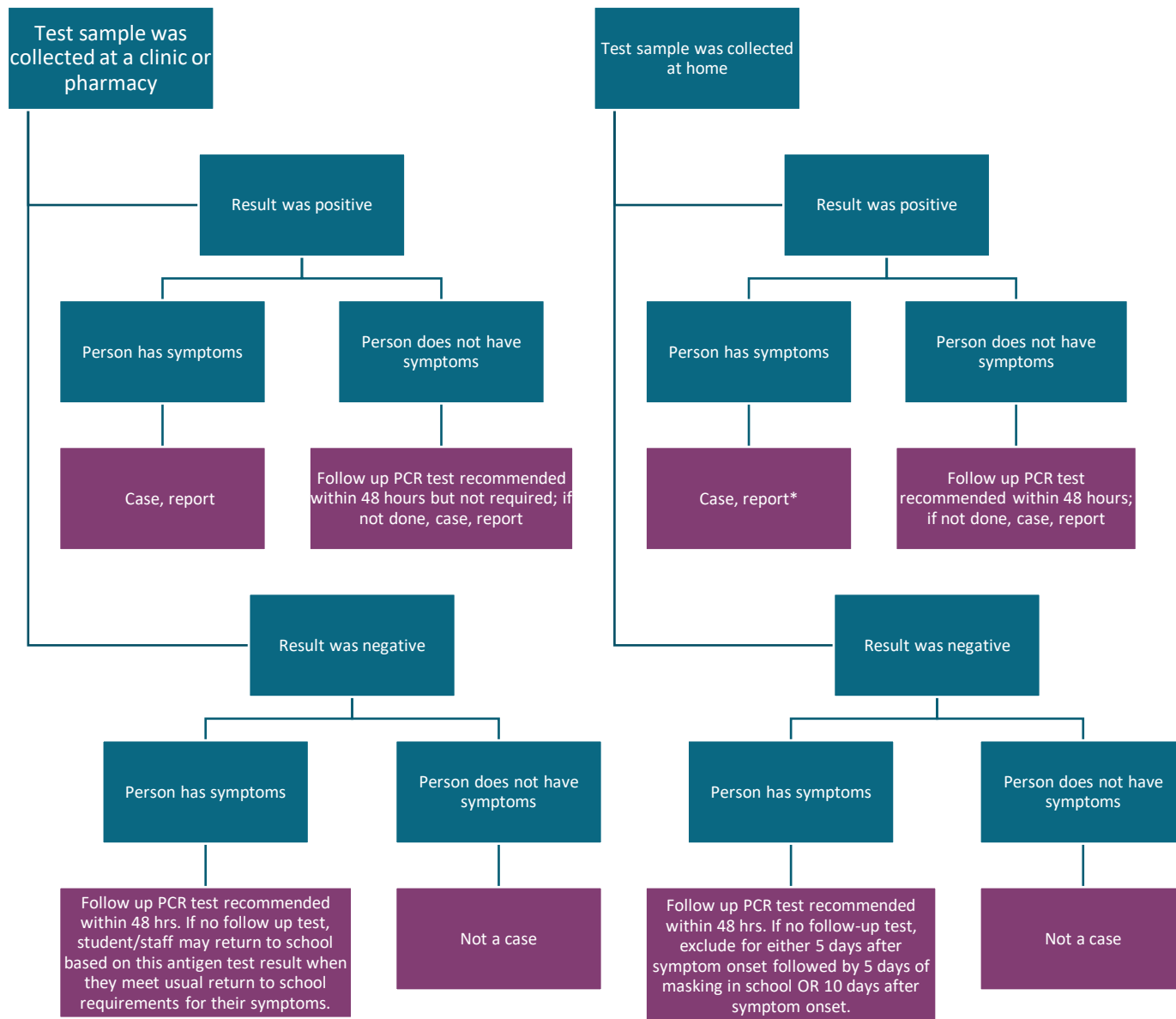
Any individual who is a close contact to someone with COVID-19 needs to quarantine unless they meet one of the following criteria:

- Individuals who are 17 and under who completed a primary COVID vaccine series two or more weeks before the exposure
- Individuals 18 years or older who completed a primary COVID vaccine series two or more weeks ago and are not yet [eligible for a booster dose](#)
- Individuals 18 years or older who completed a primary COVID vaccine series two or more weeks ago and have received a booster dose
- Individuals who were diagnosed with COVID-19 in the 90 days before the exposure

PCR test performed on a **suspected COVID-19 case**

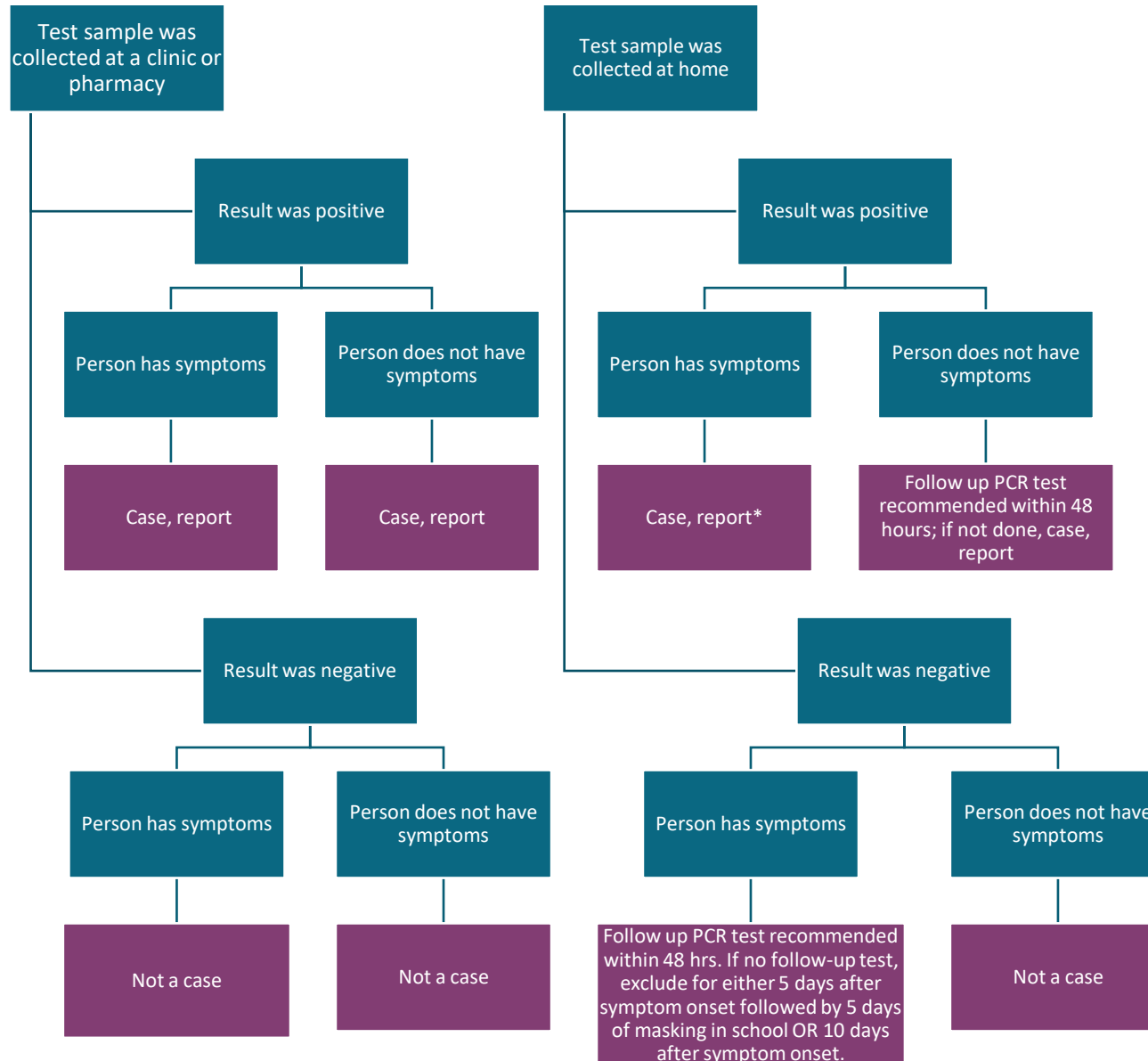


Antigen test performed on a suspected COVID-19 case



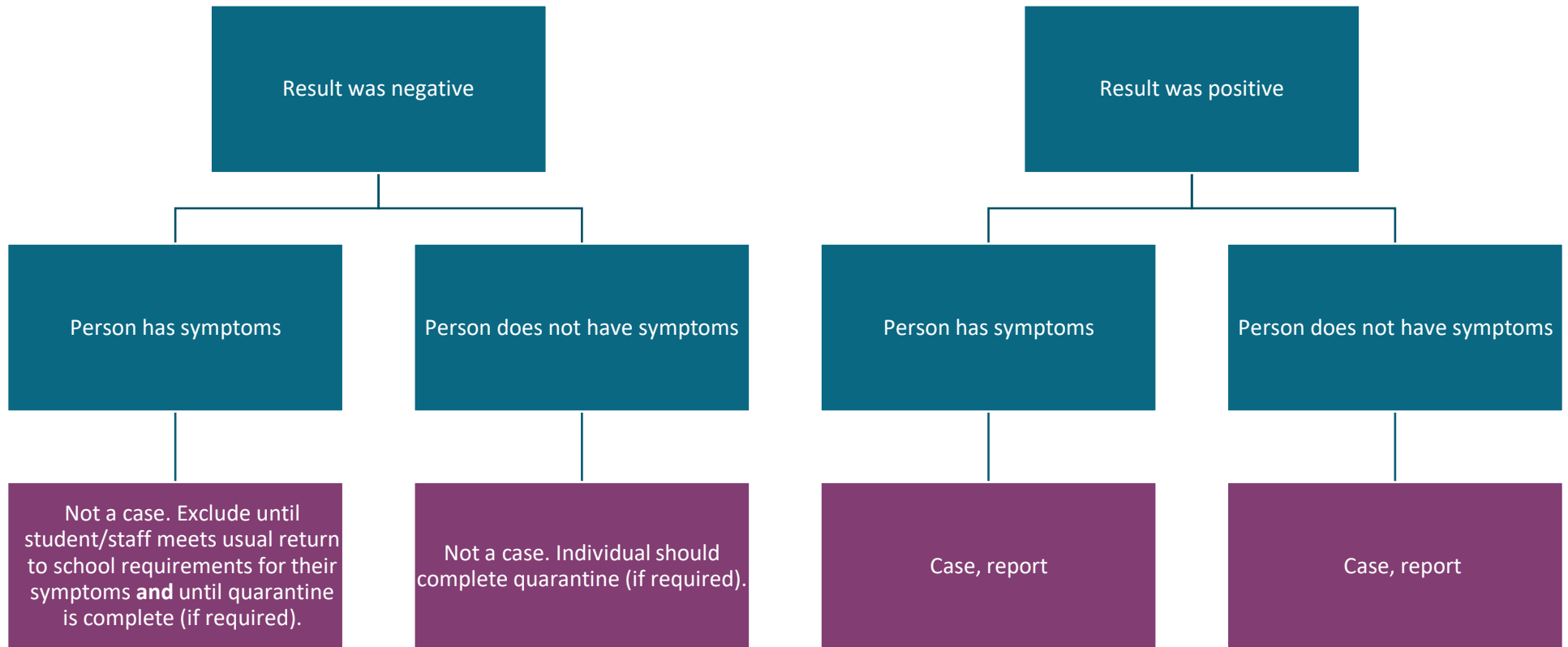
*For all home tests, if a positive test is followed by a negative lab-based, molecular test within 48 hours, the person is considered not a case. Since this is unlikely in a person with symptoms, we recommend beginning contact tracing and exclusion right away in this situation. If you know the person will receive a follow-up test within 48 hours you can wait for that result but risk having close contacts become infectious while still attending school.

Other molecular test (NAAT, Cue COVID-19 Test) performed on a suspected COVID-19 case

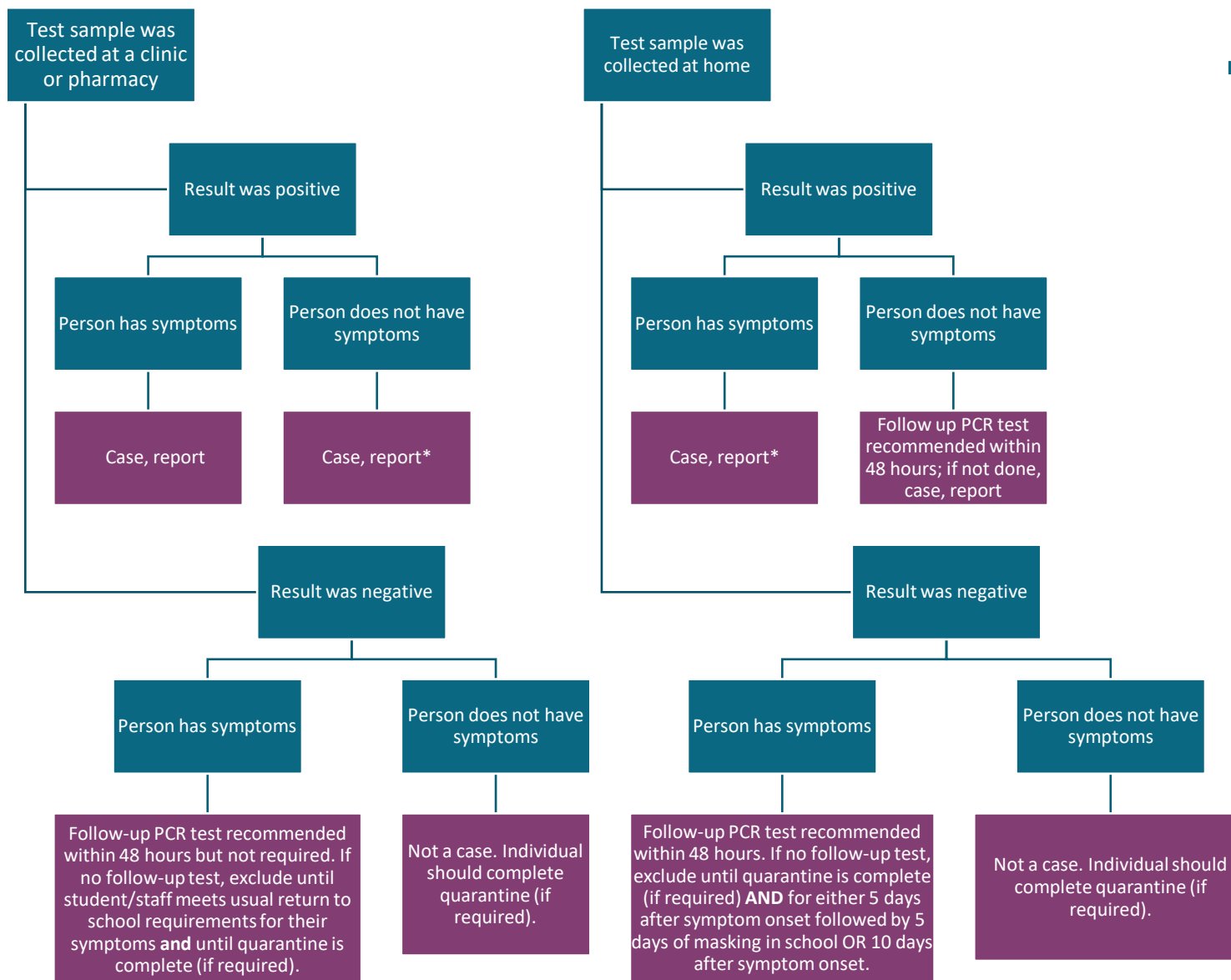


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PCR test performed on a close contact to a COVID-19 case

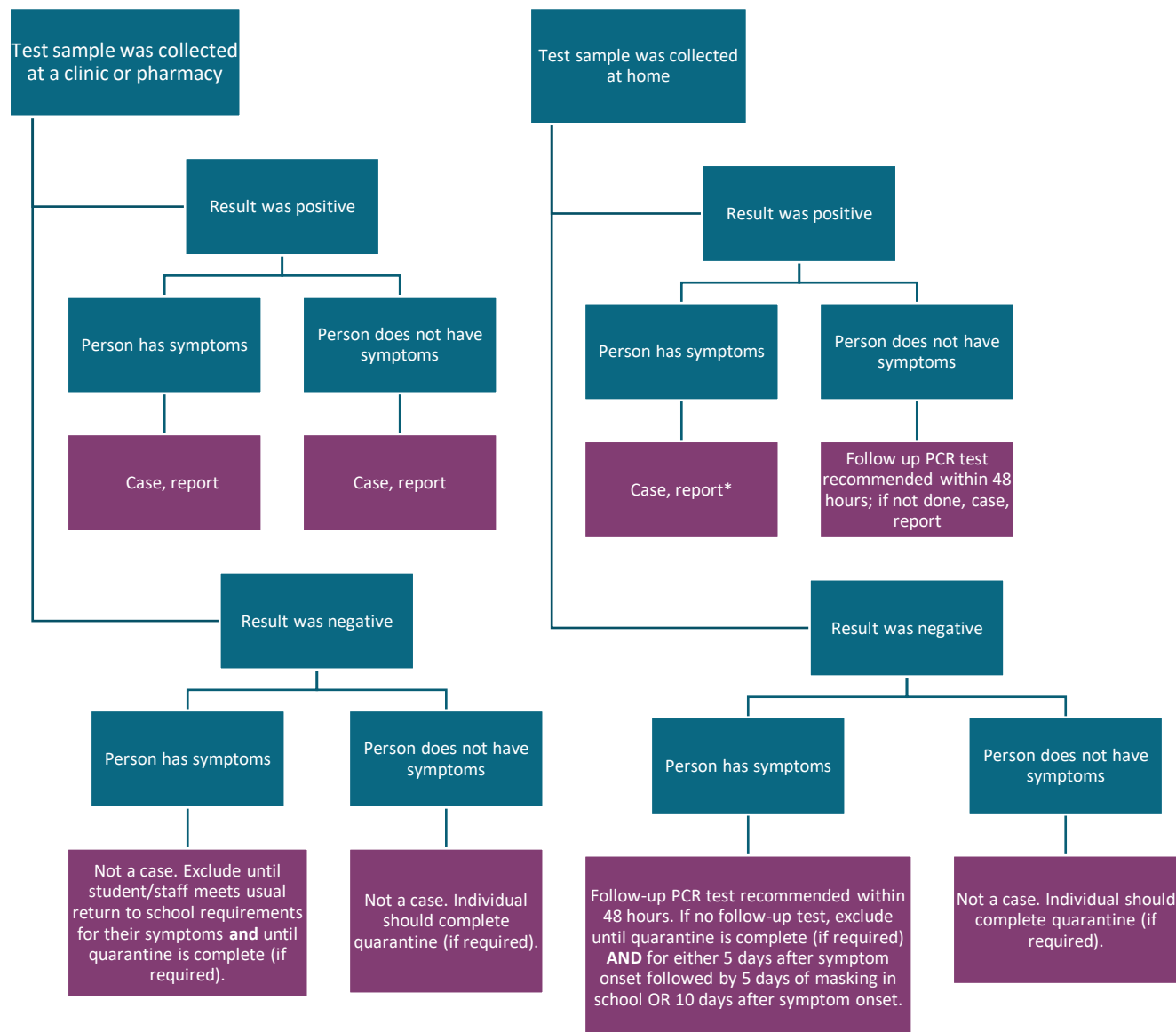


Antigen test performed on a **close contact** to a COVID-19 case



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