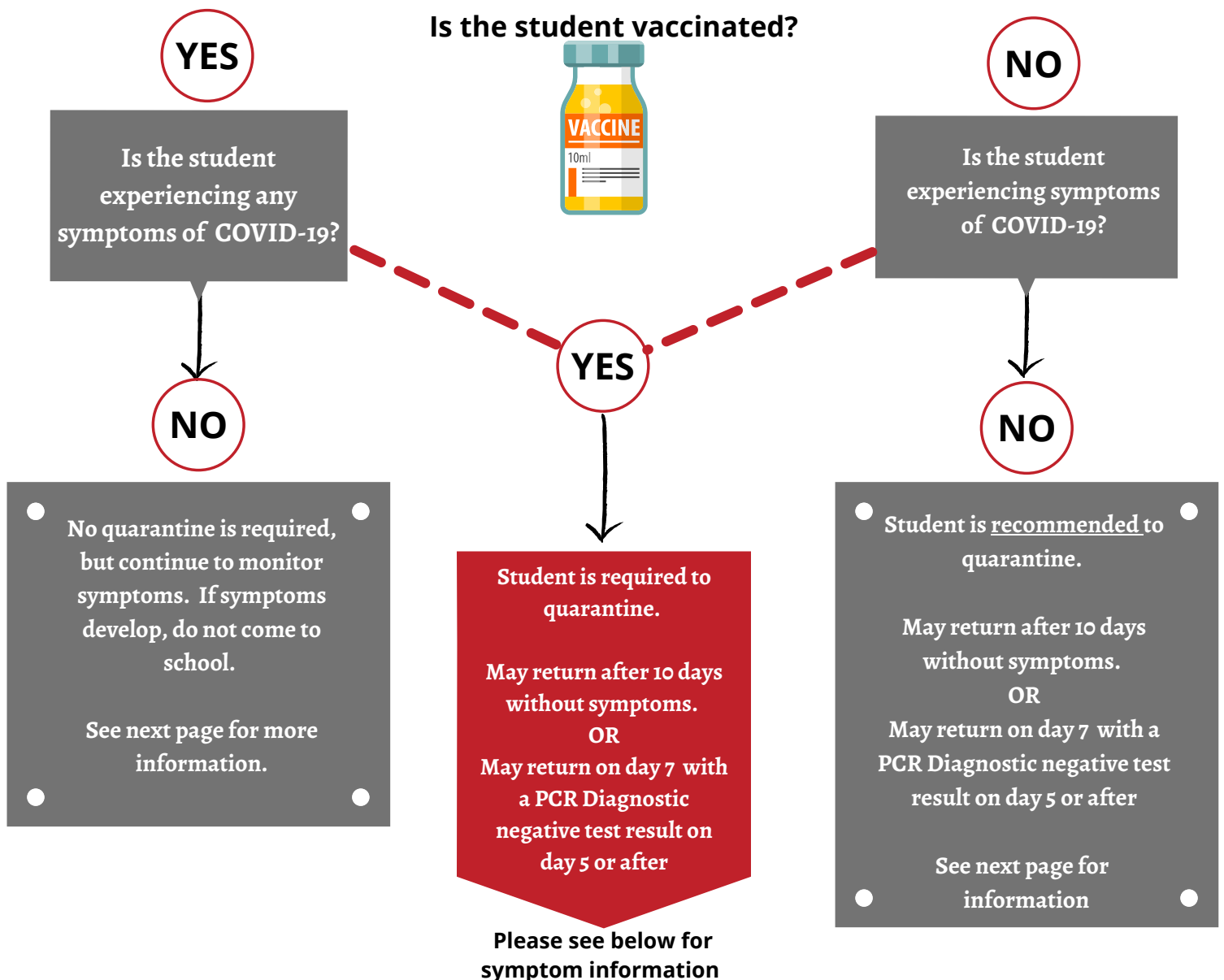




Close Contact Guidelines

For Students

If a student is identified as a close contact, please follow the below decision flow chart. Positive test results can be reported on the [NWCS COVID-19 reporting tool](#) or by calling the building office.



If a student is a close contact due to a family situation, please see the guidance on the next page.



Close Contact Guidelines

For Students

- NWCS will conduct contact tracing. NWCS is required to report close contact information to the Jackson County Health Department.
- NWCS will notify parents of an potential exposure via a letter sent home and/or via email to the parent's email address on file.
- NWCS will maintain a dashboard on the school website with information on positive and close contact cases reported to the district.
- Per JCHD guidelines, NWCS will recommend that close contacts quarantine for 10 days (case depending) from the date of exposure. If a close contact student is symptomatic, please follow guidance on next page.
- Students who are identified as a close contact due to a positive family member
 - If the positive family member is isolated away from the family and the student is not showing signs or symptoms, they can return to school.
 - If the positive family member can not isolate away from the rest of the family, family members will need to quarantine.
 - If students are vaccinated and not showing signs or symptoms, they can return to school.

Upon notification, parents can choose to quarantine their students for 10 days from the exposure date. **Parents need to notify the building office if their student will be quarantining.** These students will be marked absent notified and are responsible for all daily assignments via Schoology or Seesaw.

OR

Parents can choose to continue to send their student to school as long as they are not symptomatic. Masks are recommended. If the student shows signs or symptoms per the below guidance, the student will be required to isolate as a probable COVID-19 case.

Parents must monitor their student's health before coming to school each day. If your student develops COVID-19 symptoms, please keep them home. Please fill out the NWCS COVID-19 reporting tool if your student is awaiting COVID-19 test results, tested positive dated: 9/1/21



Close Contact Guidelines

For Students

For students who are a close contacts and experiencing symptoms

If a student is a close contact and is symptomatic, they must isolate as a probable COVID-19 case, if the below guidelines are met:

Acute onset or worsening of **at least two** of the following symptoms or signs:

- fever (measured or subjective)
- chills
- rigors
- myalgia
- headache
- sore throat
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea
- fatigue
- congestion or runny nose.

OR

Acute onset or worsening of **any one** of the following symptoms or signs:

- cough
- shortness of breath
- difficulty breathing
- olfactory disorder
- taste disorder
- confusion or change in mental status
- persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone
- inability to wake or stay awake.

If the close contact symptomatic student is sent to school and meets the guidelines above, they will be sent home to isolate for 10 days from the symptom onset date.

If the student receives an alternative diagnosis from their physician (allergies, asthma, etc.) the student can return to school with a doctors note. If the alternative diagnosis is a communicable disease (strep, influenza, etc) the communicable disease guidelines for schools will be followed.