

Louisiana Believes

**Career and College Readiness Office Hours
December 10, 2020**

Office Hours Norms

Participants may submit questions **via the online chat feature**.

Submitting questions via the chat allows CCR the opportunity to not only answer your question while on the call but to also add your question and the answer to our publicly disseminated FAQ document(s).

This will be time for participants to ask questions about any program in the 4 work streams of the Office of Career and College Readiness. Those items are listed in the agenda.

Career and College Readiness

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The background features a white outline of a globe centered on the Atlantic Ocean, set against a blue watercolor-style wash. The wash transitions from a light, almost white blue in the center to a deeper, more saturated blue towards the edges. The overall effect is clean and professional, with a focus on global or educational themes.

PATHWAY INITIATIVES AND READINESS SUPPORT

LDH Updated Quarantine Guidance

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is adopting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recently updated recommendations regarding options to shorten quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure. The [updated guidance](#) is as follows:

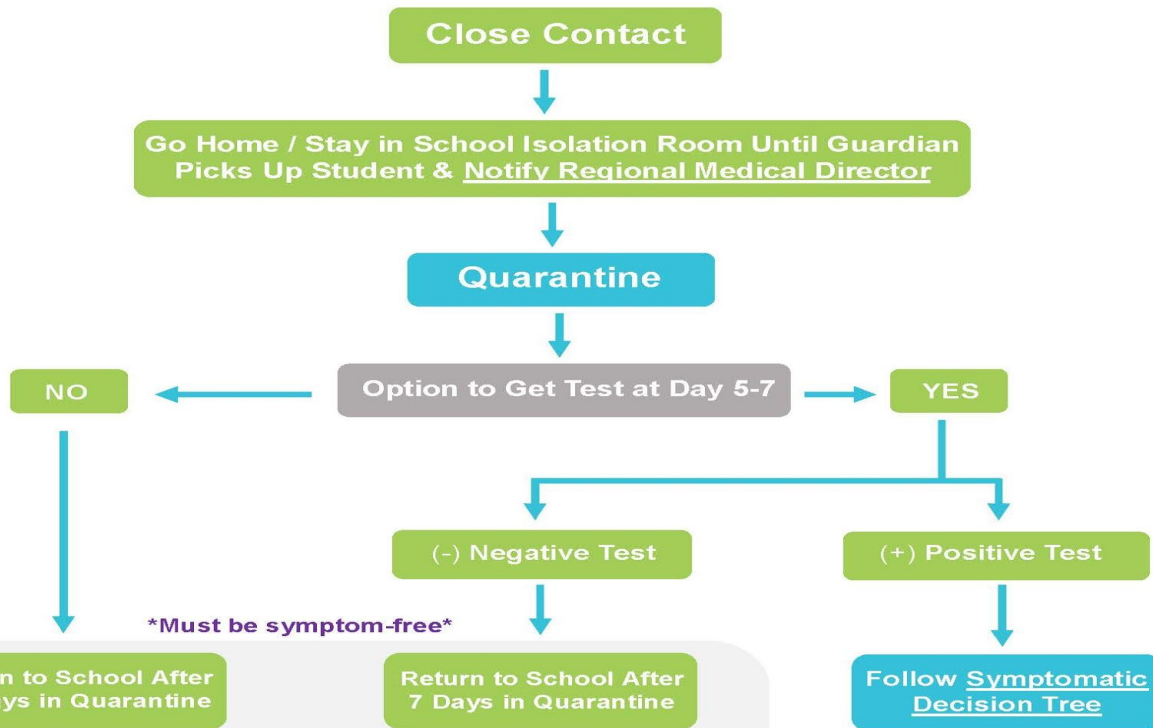
- Close contacts of persons with COVID-19 should monitor themselves daily for presence of these [symptoms](#) of COVID-19 and should contact their healthcare provider if they develop symptoms.
- Quarantine can end after Day 10 of exposure without testing **and** if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
- *Where COVID testing is readily available*, then quarantine can end after Day 7 if the individual tests negative **and** if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring.
 - The CDC recommends a COVID test on or after Day 5 after exposure, and for the individual to quarantine until at least Day 7. Both PCR and antigen tests are allowable to meet the testing criteria.
- *In both cases, continued symptom monitoring and masking through day 14 MUST continue. If any symptoms develop prior to day 14, the individual should immediately self-isolate and follow instructions per local public health authority.*

School COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree:

Responding to Close Contact – 12.7.2020



Children's Hospital
New Orleans
LCMC Health



Must be symptom-free

Return to School After
10 Days in Quarantine

Return to School After
7 Days in Quarantine

Follow Symptomatic
Decision Tree

Reducing length of the quarantine period **DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE RISK OF COVID-19**. If any COVID-19 symptoms develop during the 14-day period after a close contact:

- Immediately self-isolate
- Follow Symptomatic Decision Tree
- Strongly recommended to get a COVID-19 test

Reference LDH Website for Form Titled: Return-to-School Self-Certification for COVID-19

CLOSE CONTACT =

- Within 6 feet of someone who tested positive, for a **cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period**, regardless of whether either party was wearing a mask;
- Timing of exposure must have taken place within 2 days of the positive person's onset of symptoms or positive test result (whichever came first).

Reference LDH Website for Specifics on Suspect Cases & Contact Tracing:
[COVID-19 Contact Tracing in Schools](#)

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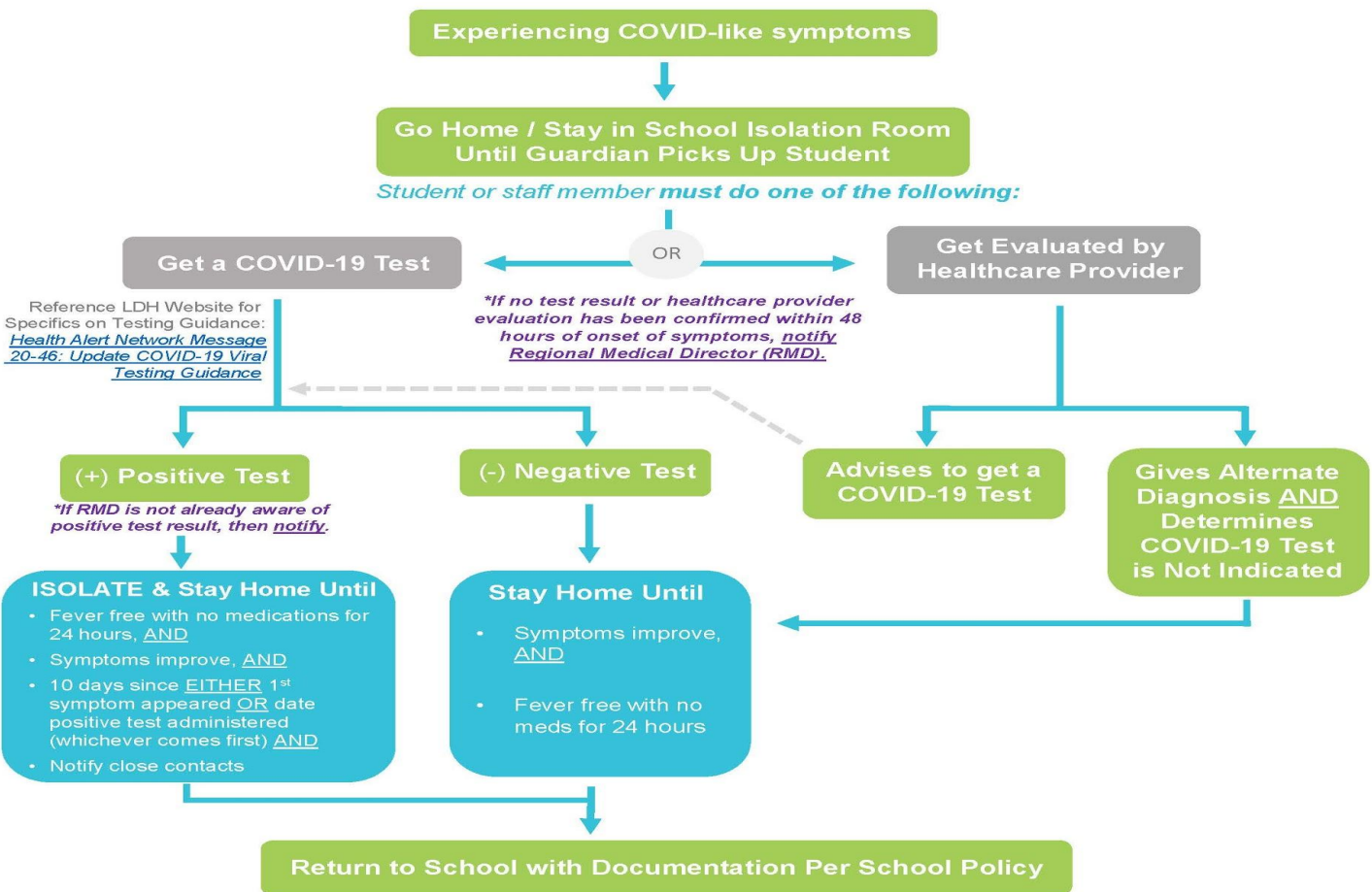
Notification for close contact only needs to take place once a positive case is confirmed or if deemed necessary by RMD.

In case of an emergency, dial 911.

This chart follows the most up-to-date CDC & LDH recommendations. Download a copy at: <https://www.chnola.org/community/thrivekids-student-wellness/covid-19-support/school-covid-19-decision-tree/>

School COVID-19 Screening Decision Tree:

Responding to a Symptomatic Individual – 12.7.2020



COVID-19 symptoms include but are not limited to:

- Fever ≥ 100.4 °F
- Shortness of breath
- Chest pain
- Increasingly nonproductive (dry) cough
- Body aches or fatigue
- GI symptoms (nausea, diarrhea)
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Other flu or cold like symptoms such as headache, sore throat, or congestion

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Spring Semester 2021 PPE Requests

The LDOE, in collaboration with the Special School District, will be making PPE supplies available for all public, private, and charter school systems that need to replenish their supply for the second semester. Each school system may request an appropriate number of masks equivalent to their student and faculty census. Available supplies include:

- Reusable cloth facial coverings
- Hand sanitizer

School systems will be responsible for coordinating the pick-up of PPE supplies between 7 a.m. through 3 p.m. at the Special School District Warehouse located at 2888 Brightside Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70802.

Requests for face coverings and hand sanitizer should be made directly to:

Joel A. Snider, Director of Operations, SSD

Email: jsnider@lsdvi.org

BinaxNOW Rapid COVID Testing Kits

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits available upon request for school systems to access through the month of December.

- If you are in need of a CLIA Waived Certificate Number or a community provider, please email Arundhati.Bakshi@la.gov

Please note that the **survey completion date has been extended** through the month of December. School systems that would like to request BinaxNOW Rapid Testing kits are encouraged to [complete this survey](#) by **December 10 to have them delivered by the National Guard. Any requests processed after December 10 will be sent via mail to the address provided.**

Additional information can be found in the [LDOE BinaxNOW FAQ Document](#).

CHNOLA Town Hall Updates

Date	Time	Link
January 13, 2021	1-2 PM	Registration link: https://chnola.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V8WEMQdoR5yoMFVEhNVsUw
January 27, 2021	1-2 PM	Registration link: https://chnola.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V8WEMQdoR5yoMFVEhNVsUw
February 10, 2021	1-2 PM	Registration link: https://chnola.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V8WEMQdoR5yoMFVEhNVsUw
February 24, 2021	1-2 PM	Registration link: https://chnola.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V8WEMQdoR5yoMFVEhNVsUw

CHNOLA Parent Town Hall

Children's Hospital New Orleans will be hosting a parent town hall tonight.

Join a Parent Town Hall meeting for the latest on COVID-19 Guidance this Thursday, December 10 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm (English speaking).

Click to join

https://chnola.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BzUsqOuBTTieFXQetvtBVA



Parent Town Hall
COVID-19 Guidance



Moderated Question & Answer

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Helpful Links

- [Louisiana Believes Homepage](#)
- [School Improvement Library](#)
- Support Toolboxes
 - [Teacher](#)
 - [System](#)
 - [Principal](#)
 - [Counselor](#)

Thank you for joining.

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [2020-2021 School System Support Calendar](#).

Please reach out to the following contacts with questions:

highschoolacademics@la.gov

General questions about the office and about graduation requirements

ldfinancialaid@la.gov

questions related to the financial aid policy or for assistance with FAFSA completion

SCA@la.gov

questions related to Supplemental Course Academy/Course Choice

jumpstart@la.gov

questions related to Jump Start

PPP@la.gov

questions related to pupil progression

collegereadiness@la.gov

questions related to dual enrollment or Advanced Placement