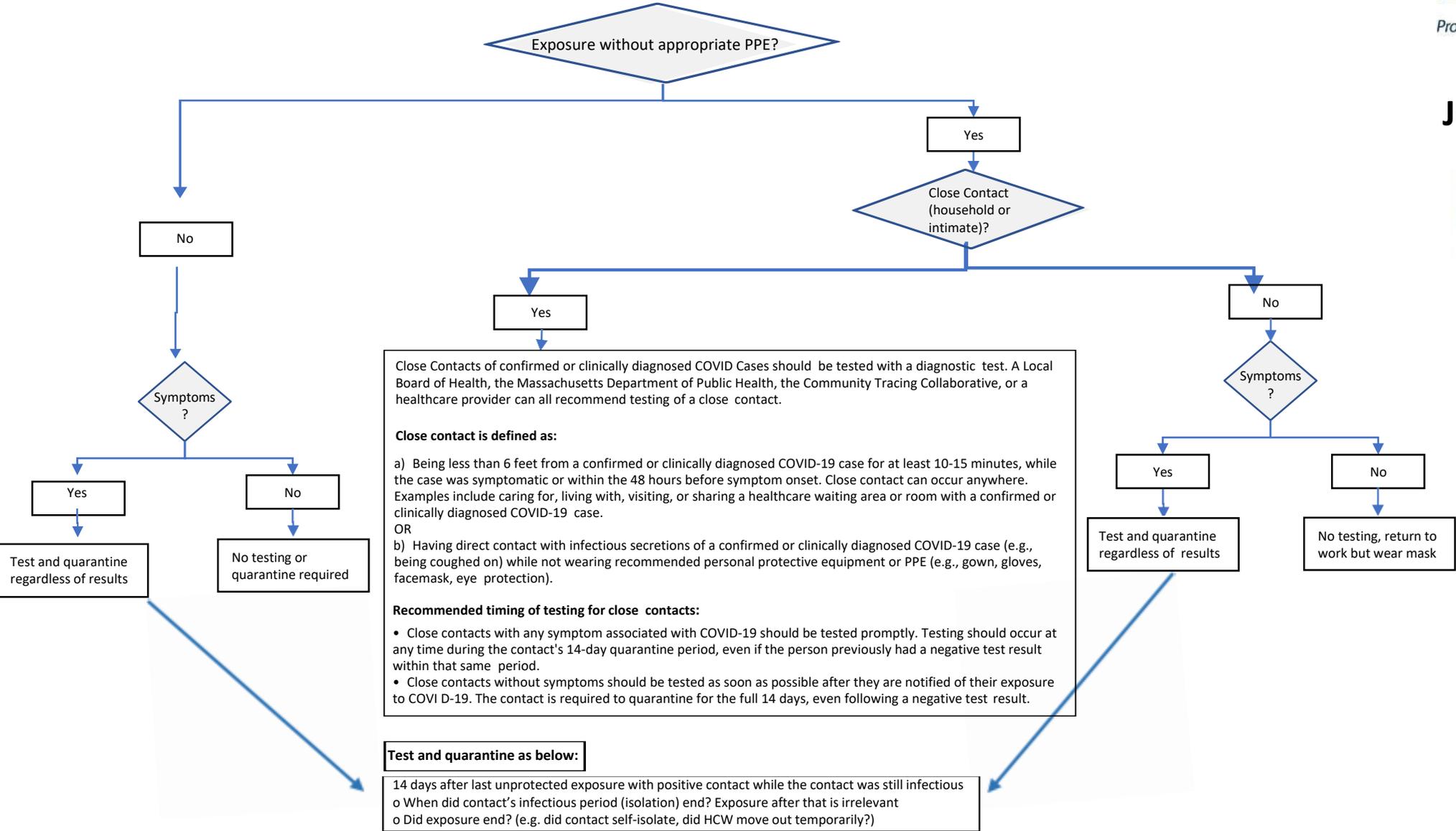


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CDC Return to Work Criteria for HCW with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19

- *Test-based strategy.* Exclude from work until
 - Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
 - Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath), **and**
 - Negative results of COVID-19 test from at least two consecutive nasopharyngeal swab specimens collected ≥ 24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens).
- *Non-test-based strategy.* Exclude from work until
 - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery* defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and** improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); **and**,
 - At least **10** days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*
- *Alternate diagnosis established.* If HCP were never tested for COVID-19 but have an alternate diagnosis (e.g., tested positive for influenza), criteria for return to work should be based on that diagnosis.