



Infection Control Precautions

Screening

- All people who will present at ART on a given day need to screen for symptoms of infectious diseases like COVID-19, norovirus, and influenza.

Masking

- Masks, preferably KN94 or equivalent, are strongly encouraged for all children and required for adults.
- During periods of lower community transmission, ART may (with board and parental approval) de-escalate masking starting with outdoors.

Air Filtration & Ventilation

- All rooms in ART have a portable HEPA filter.
- Filters need to be running on high through the whole day - turned on first thing with opening and off last thing with closing to provide some air clearing prior to and after the children are in the space.
- The furnace fan should be on continuously.
- Bathroom fans should be on continuously during the school day.

Testing

- **During periods of HIGHER COVID-19 transmission:**
 - ALL staff and children need to test on the day they are attending and a minimum of 3x week if part-time;
 - Household members should test 3x week;
 - Non-household members who regularly interact as part of your bubble should be invited to test 3x week or prior to interaction with the household if they are seen infrequently.
- **During periods of LOWER COVID-19 transmission:** All staff, children, and household members test when symptomatic or when having had contact (even masked) with a positive case.
- When considering contact with others not usually in your circle, we encourage use of point in time, or infrequent testing: 2 tests, 24 hrs apart prior to interaction

Infection Control Precautions FAQ

Screening

How often do we need to complete screening?

- Screening needs to be completed once a day prior to entering ART - if you aren't attending on a given day, you do not need to screen.

How do I access the screening questions?

- Use the screening option in [Hi Mama](#) for any children attending that day.
- Staff and volunteers use the [JotForm screening tool](#).

Masking

Why do you require/encourage masking?

- During periods of high community transmission of respiratory illnesses, masking adds an extra layer of protection and we ask that all who can wear masks, do.

What if my child won't wear a KN94 or equivalent?

- We have options for masks, including cloth, that can be better than nothing in high-risk periods
- While we encourage all to wear masks, we support an inclusive environment that includes children who can't mask.

What if I can't afford higher quality masks?

- ART provides children's KN94 masks on a cost recovery basis - for \$10/month, your child will be supplied with all the masks they need.

COVID-19 Testing

I am seeing things in social media about testing in the throat first and then the nose - should we be doing this?

- There is growing evidence that Omicron will show up in the throat and not the nose, if tolerated, please do swab the inside of both cheeks and the back of throat and then both nostrils.

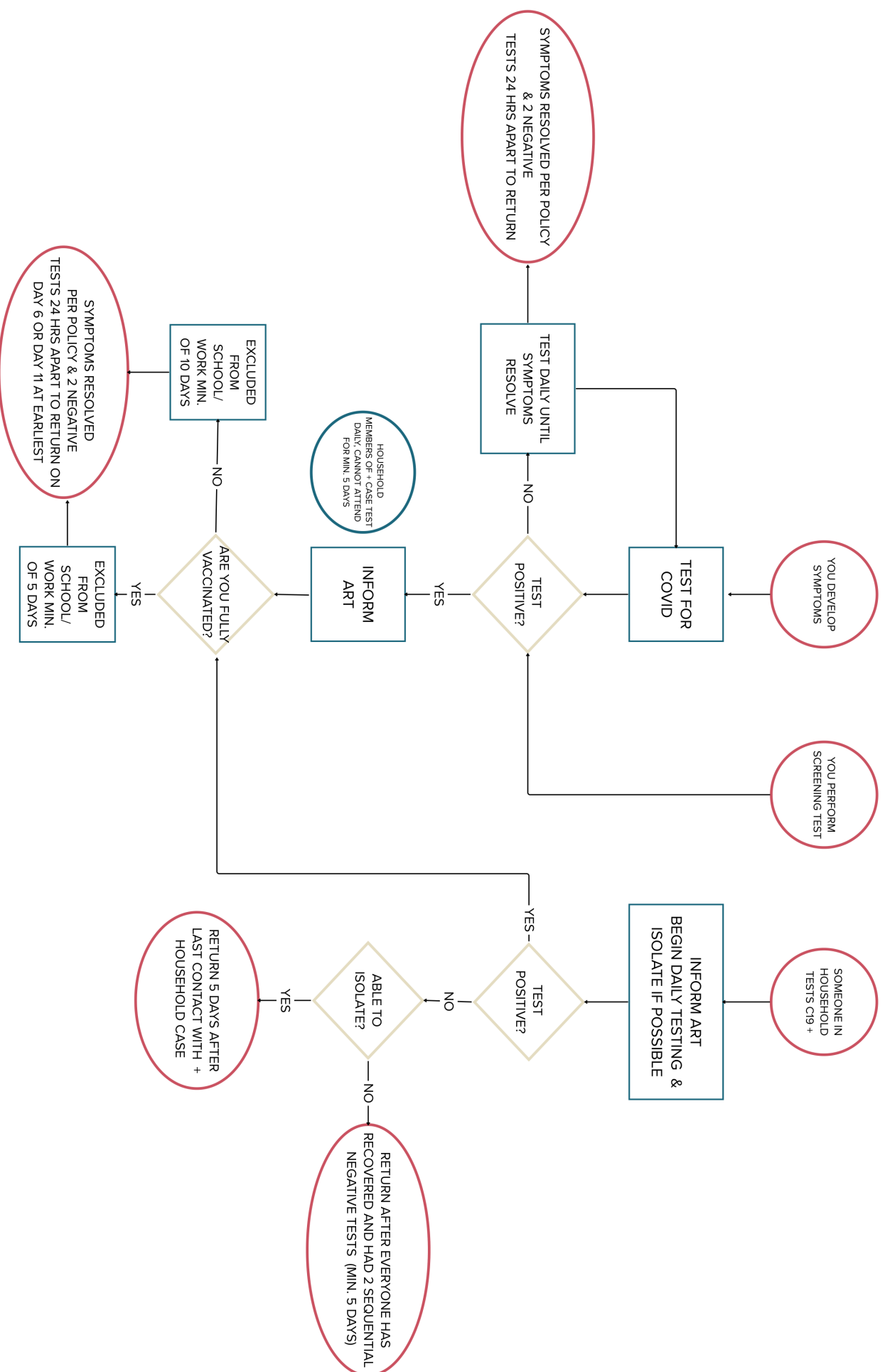
What do we do if someone develops symptoms?

- Contact the Director to let them know.
- Continue testing daily until symptoms resolve, then test 2 more times, 24 hrs apart.

What do we do if someone tests positive?

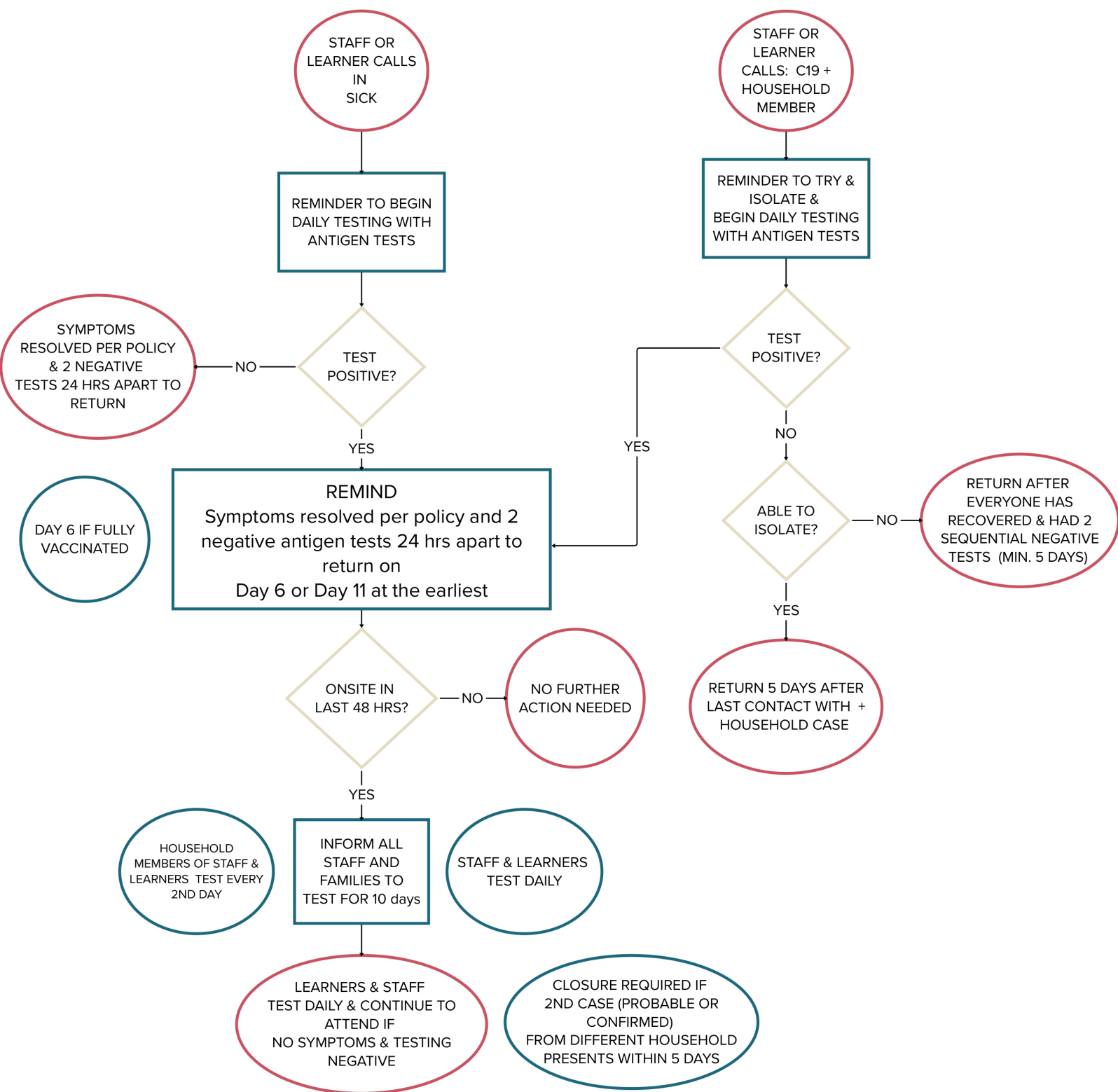
- Immediately alert the Director.
- All contacts in the household should test daily & the person with COVID should isolate if possible
- If the person with COVID is living in your household, you would not be able to return for at least 5 days.
 - If you are able to isolate than you can return 5 days after last contact with a positive household case;
 - if you cannot isolate you can return provided everyone has recovered and two sequential negative tests.
- The person with COVID can return on Day 6 (fully vaccinated) or Day 11 (not fully vaccinated) provided they are asymptomatic with no medications for 48 hrs (child) or 24 hrs (staff) and have 2 negative tests, 24 hrs apart.

ART COVID-19 TESTING ALGORITHM



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ART RESPONSE ALGORITHM



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NOTE: If the **COVID-19 positive case** was onsite in the 48 hours prior to the positive test and a second confirmed (positive test) or probable (symptoms) case presents in a different household within 5 days of last contact, the school will close for a minimum of 5 days from the date of the 2nd instance. Re-opening will require 5 consecutive days with no positive tests and no symptoms in the cohort.