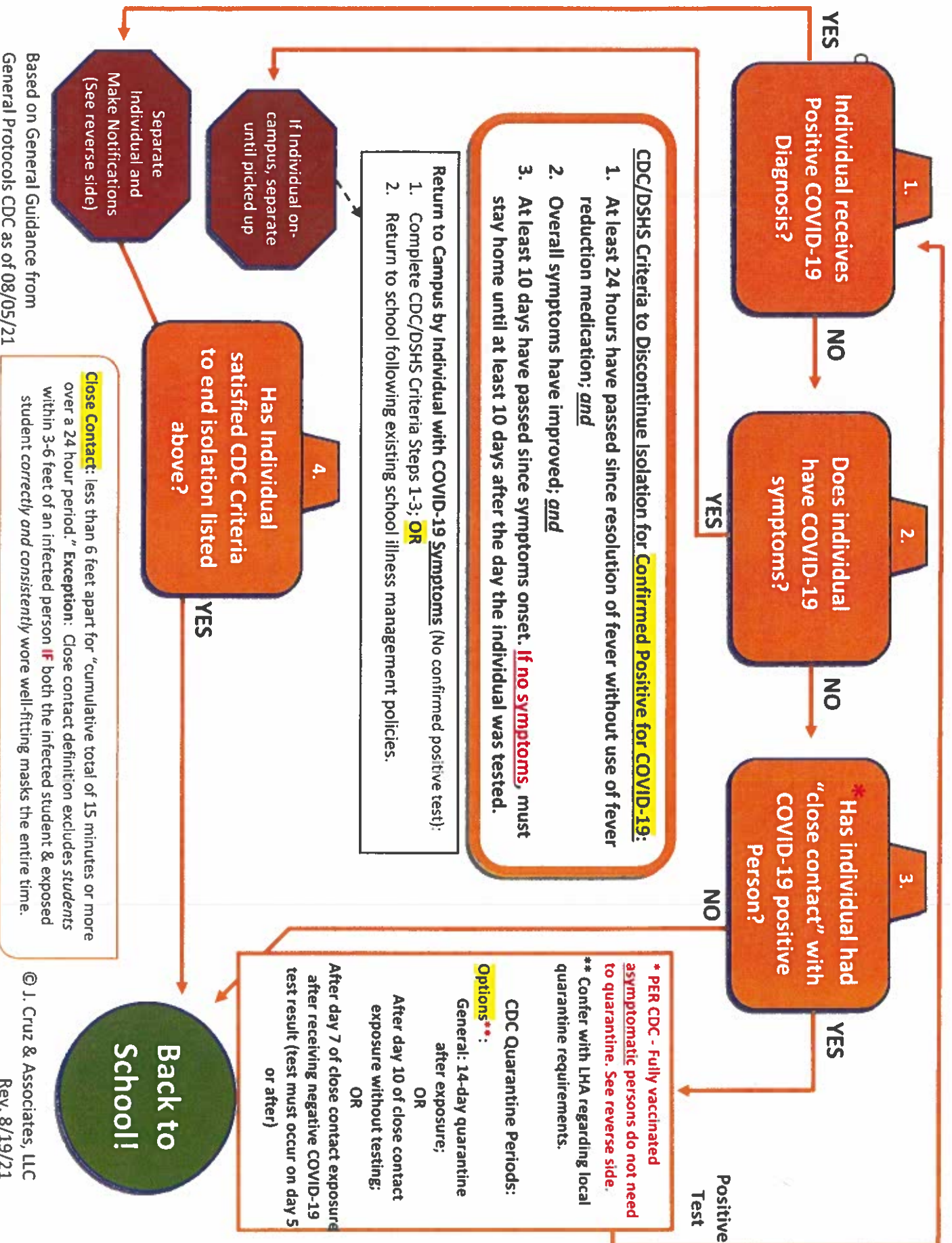


GENERAL COVID RESPONSE PROTOCOL FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS



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<p style="text-align: center;">Individual Tests Positive for COVID-19</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contact Local Health Department in accordance with applicable law, including confidentiality requirements of ADA and FERPA, and report to <i>DSHS via online form</i> upon receipt of information that an individual at a school is test confirmed positive for COVID-19; 2. Make notifications to teachers, staff, families, in a classroom or extracurricular cohort, consistent with school notification requirements for communicable diseases. 3. Individual must self-isolate until <u>Criteria to Discontinue</u> Isolation is met; refer to Flow Chart. 4. Implement cleaning & ventilation measures consistent with CDC protocols. 5. Consider whether contact tracing is needed. TEA 8/5/21 guidance provides “school systems are not required to conduct COVID-19 contact tracing.” Local Health Authority (LHA) may direct school systems to conduct contact tracing.
<p style="text-align: center;">COVID-19 Symptomatic Individual on campus</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If individual is a student, separate until the student is picked up by parent/guardian. 2. Consider testing (if approved by parent) and/or parent should have student evaluated by doctor. 3. If individual tests positive, follow CDC criteria to end isolation and make appropriate notifications to local health department, DSHS, & follow school notification requirements for communicable diseases. 4. If individual tests negative, individual may return following existing school illness management policies. 5. Implement cleaning & ventilation measures consistent with CDC protocols.
<p style="text-align: center;">Individual In Close Contact with COVID-19 affected person</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm quarantine protocols recommendations with LHA. 2. Asymptomatic, fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine (per CDC Guidance). Schools may provide/conduct recurring COVID-19 testing, with parents’ permission. 3. Unvaccinated close contacts should: (1) Be referred for COVID-19 testing; (2) See Quarantine Options following Box 3 on Flow Chart. <p>CDC Definition of close contact: Someone who was within 6 ft. of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 min. or more over a 24-hr period. Close contact definition excludes “<u>students</u> who were within 3-6 ft. of infected student if both infected & COVID-19 student correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.”</p>