

Project: ACE-IT Antigen Testing

- Project: ACE-IT is a public health intervention aimed at reducing the risk of spread of COVID-19 within schools
- To participate in Project: ACE IT, a school district must:
 - Have a signed MOA
 - Participate in trainings
 - Continue to report



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- To participate, your district must conduct weekly staff assurance testing and symptomatic staff and student testing.
 - If your district is doing both, then a district can expand to testing:
 - Athletics
 - Drama/Music/Band
 - Prom & Graduation
 - If expanding, the district must submit an implementation plan to the Chester County Health Department



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Guidelines for Expanded Testing

- Athletics
 - *Frequency:* Twice a week, timing appropriate with games/scrimmages/etc.
 - *Testing Method:* Antigen
- Drama/Music/Band
 - *Frequency:* Twice a week, as long as together/rehearsing multiple times per week
 - *Testing Method:* Antigen
 - *Requirement:* Must wear masks during rehearsals
- Prom & Graduation
 - *Frequency:* Every day for three days leading up to the event, including day of event
 - *Testing Method:* Antigen
 - *Requirement:* Find a way to check test results at the door



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Guidelines for Expanded Testing

- Testing out of quarantine for in school exposure
 - *Testing Method:* Cue (rapid PCR)
 - *Timing:* 5-7 days after exposure
 - *Requirements:*
 - Must submit an implementation plan to the Chester County Health Department
 - For school-related exposures to index case only
 - Must remain asymptomatic and have no further exposures
 - Testing must be done using a model that does not allow a quarantined individual to enter the school for testing



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Antigen Testing & Vaccination

- It is recommended that fully vaccinated people with no COVID-19-like symptoms and no known exposure should be exempted from routine screening testing programs
 - An individual is considered fully vaccinated 2 weeks after the receipt of the second dose (in a 2-dose series) or 2 weeks after one dose (in a single dose vaccine)



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Antigen Test Results

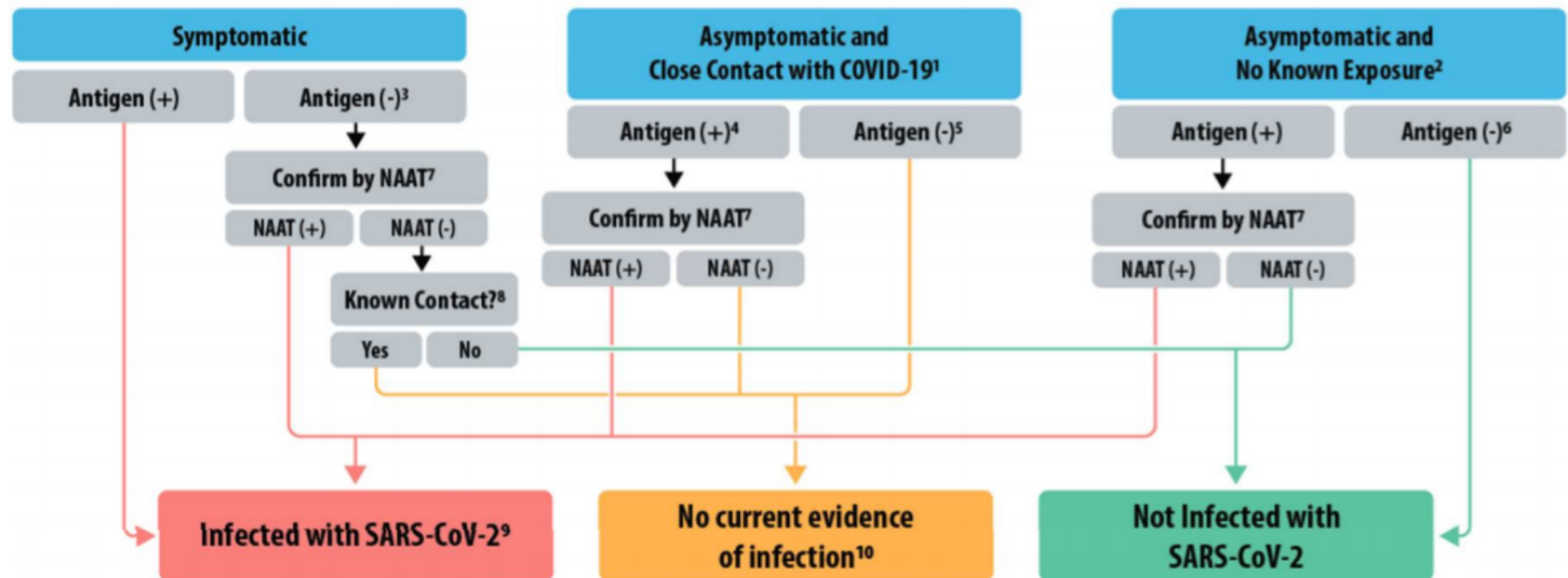
- Positive
 - Symptomatic – Consider positive and isolate
 - Asymptomatic, close contact – Confirm with PCR
 - Asymptomatic, no known exposure – Confirm with PCR
- Negative
 - Symptomatic – Confirm with PCR
 - Asymptomatic, close contact – Negative
 - Asymptomatic, no known exposure – Negative
- Inconclusive
 - Report inconclusive and retest with new antigen test



Antigen Test Results

CDC Interim Guide for Antigen Testing

*NAAT: stands for “nucleic acid amplification test”, e.g. a PCR test, which are more sensitive than rapid antigen tests and would be utilized to confirm a diagnosis.



Cue Testing

- Cue is a rapid PCR test used to confirm an antigen test, depending on the antigen result and the circumstances of their situation (previous slide)
- To obtain the Cue, your school district must be participating in the weekly assurance testing for staff and symptomatic testing of staff/students when on-site
- Those who are tested with Cue should follow PCR guidance



Reporting

- Positive test results are required to be reported to CCHD via our Disease Report Form.
 - Please remind your staff that the test section needs to be completed, as they are the “performing laboratory” administering the test
- Please remind staff to review antigen testing guidance provided in CHOP’s PowerPoint and also discussed on our website - <https://www.chesco.org/4397/Coronavirus--Resources-for-Schools>
- If you have questions, please continue to use the Schools Line or disschools@chesco.org
 - Technology, testing, and training questions should be directed to CHOP



Resources

- CHOP's Project: ACE-IT FAQs
 - <https://policylab.chop.edu/sites/default/files/Project-ACE-IT-FAQs-for-Community-Effective-1-26-21.pdf>
- CCHD Website with Antigen Guidance
 - <https://www.chesco.org/4397/Coronavirus--Resources-for-Schools>
- CCHD Website with PCR Guidance (Cue Guidance)
 - <https://www.chesco.org/4460/Coronavirus-COVID-19-Testing-Information>



Questions?



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