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Dear Sendan ABA Families:

We continue to be so thankful for all the efforts made by our families and staff to keep one another safe and healthy during the last three years. We appreciate your patience with changing protocols and with the slight differences in procedures between Sendan, school districts and health departments.

As some of you might know the mask mandate for health care will be ending as of April 3, 2023. This means that our staff will no longer be required to mask in any environment. Our staff still may choose to wear masks for sessions for a variety of reasons and there will still be circumstances with regards to exposures and symptoms that will also require that they be masked. Additionally, if your family would prefer that our staff continue to mask, please notify your supervisor so that we can accommodate for that as well.

Additionally, we want to review our current safety practices with you that will continue to be in place:

VACCINATION:

We strongly recommend that all clients and client families are vaccinated against COVID-19, if medically appropriate and age-appropriate. This is a huge step to keep one another safe. A fourth booster is essential for protection against the omicron variant, and we encourage you to make sure everyone is boosted, if eligible.

SAFETY PRACTICES:

If you've been around anyone who is sick or is known COVID-positive, please let your clinician know immediately. We will continue to follow all indoor air filtration / handwashing / cleaning protocols.

ONGOING COMPLIANCE WITH ANY STATEWIDE MANDATES AND GUIDELINES

As of April 3, the remaining mandates for COVID-19 will expire. Our expectation remains that staff and families will comply with the CDC guidelines, mandates, and local public health authority (state and county) recommendations and orders at all times.

MASKING:

As mentioned above the mask mandate will be ending on April 3, 2023. This means that staff will no longer be required to mask in treatment settings, but staff may choose to continue masking if they wish. The exception will be if a staff, family member or patient has symptoms of COVID-19 or a direct exposure to someone who has tested positive. We will then ask that individuals mask until they are no longer experiencing symptoms and/or until they have completed the necessary rapid testing protocol.

TRAVEL:

We recommend that families follow the CDC travel guidelines and refer to these guidelines before traveling (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>). Travel plans that are high risk and/or contravene the CDC recommendations may mean we need to wait for



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a period of time and/or test prior to resuming sessions. Please let your supervisor know of any upcoming travel plans.

STATUS OF SESSIONS IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD IS SYMPTOMATIC:

Please continue to contact your team's supervisor immediately (prior to any face-to-face contact with Sendan staff or other clients) in ANY of the following circumstances:

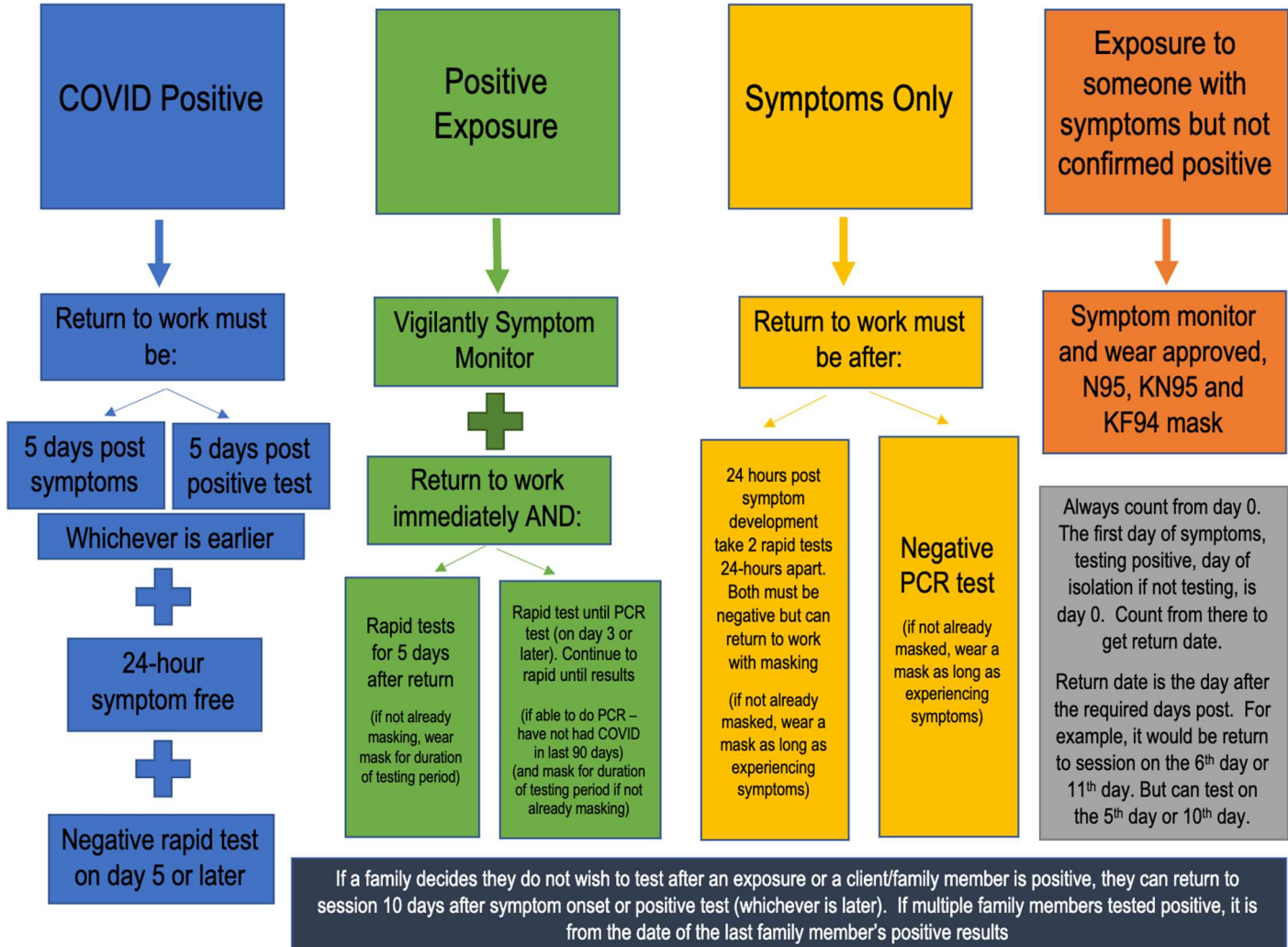
1. Your child or household member has an exposure (example: you were in contact with someone with COVID-19).
2. Your child or household member has a fever or a COVID symptom.

Whether sessions are on hold or if household members will have to mask and/or quarantine from each other to continue sessions is a decision that will be made on a case-by-case basis but will generally follow the testing protocols outlined below.

TESTING TIMELINES AND PROTOCOLS:

While these testing timelines and protocols may continue to be updated, the below is generally what your clinician will follow when making a determination about when sessions can resume:

Updated: 3/14/23



We understand that life can be complicated. We so appreciate your vigilance during these times, and the conversations we have with you as they help to keep your family, our staff – and all the other families and children we work with – safe and healthy.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. We are all in this together, and Sendan appreciates your sacrifices and efforts so deeply.

Sincerely,

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I attest to the following statements (please acknowledge by initialing next to each item):

_____ I understand that Sendan recommends that all clients and family members are vaccinated against COVID if medically appropriate and age-appropriate.

_____ I agree to notify Sendan as soon as possible if my child is exhibiting any symptoms so that sessions can be cancelled in advance if possible.

_____ I understand Sendan recommends that I follow the CDC Travel Advisory Guidelines and requests that I inform Sendan about my family's travel plans so we can collaboratively plan a safe return to services.

_____ If requested, I agree to mask and/or seek out testing as request and report the results to my Sendan staff prior sessions resuming.

_____ I understand that Sendan staff may choose to continue to wear a mask during sessions with my child.

We have read and agree to all of the above measures and have had the opportunity to clarify any of the policies and procedures with Sendan staff. I know I may ask questions about these policies and practices at any time.

Printed name of child

Signature of parent/child/guardian

Date

Printed name of parent/guardian

Relationship