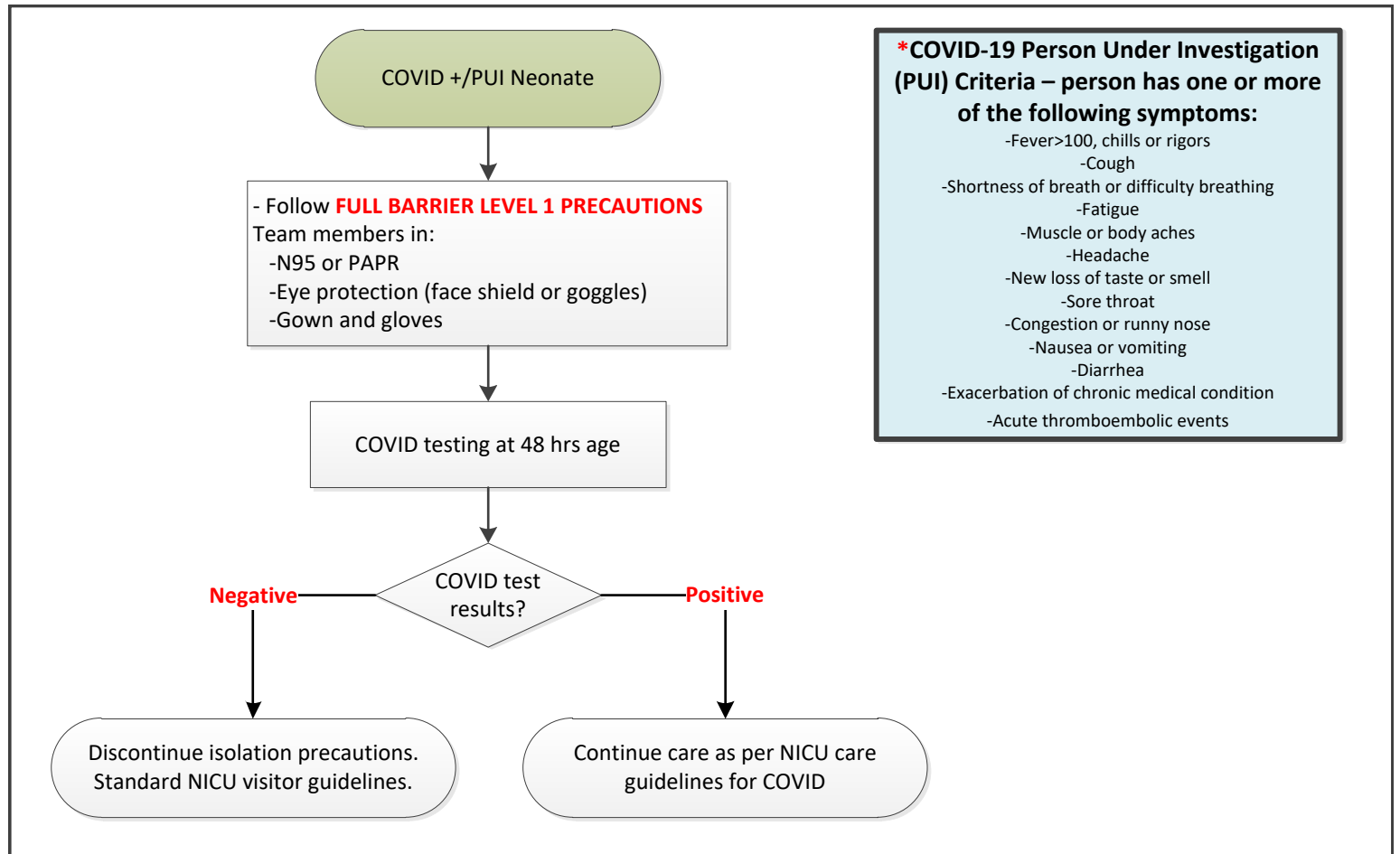


# COVID-19 NICU ALGORITHM: NICU Care of COVID+/PUI Infant

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**\*COVID-19 Person Under Investigation (PUI) Criteria – person has one or more of the following symptoms:**

- Fever>100, chills or rigors
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Exacerbation of chronic medical condition
- Acute thromboembolic events

### **Management of a baby requiring NICU admission or NICU status:**

- Symptomatic mothers cannot visit baby in NICU or on NICU status until she has met *CDC criteria for discontinuation of isolation precautions*, including:
  - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared **AND**
  - Patient meets clinical criteria in [Duration of Precautions for COVID + Patients](#)
- Asymptomatic mothers/parent with COVID + test status may visit their baby with the following conditions:
  - Baby is roomed in a private room
    - Full Barrier PPE is utilized by team members until the parent meets criteria for discontinuation of precautions (above)
  - COVID + parent is asymptomatic
  - COVID + parent remains masked for duration of visit in the facility
  - COVID + parent is advised to remain in baby’s room and does not utilize shared spaces (i.e. café/family lounge)

Healthy visitors who were present for labor and delivery are considered close contacts of mother and therefore considered to have had direct exposure to someone with COVID-19. Visitors who remain healthy cannot visit baby in the NICU until 10 days have passed since last contact with mother/parent while they were infectious.

