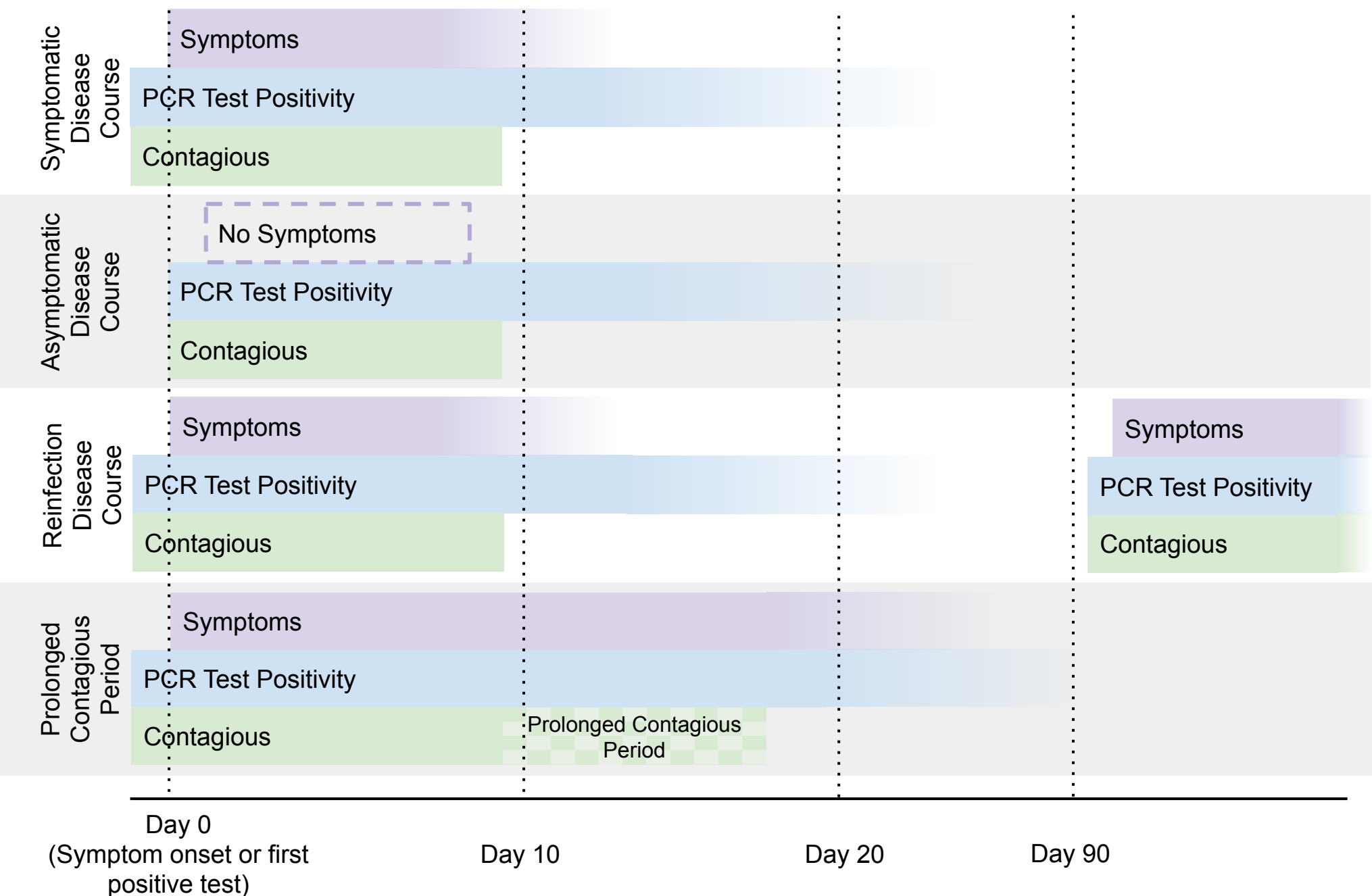


Interpretation of SARS-CoV2 PCR Test Results

For adult patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19



Positive Test Interpretation and Action Steps

Contagious period

*Continue isolation through 10 days after symptom onset (or detection in asymptomatic persons)
Follow symptom-based or time-based release from isolation in most patients. Retesting for release from isolation is not advised.
Consider longer isolation period (14d) in congregate settings.
Additional positive tests during contagious period should not extend isolation period recommendations.*

Persistent PCR positivity OR Prolonged Infectious Period

*Consider persistent infectiousness in patients who are severely ill or critically ill or immunocompromised.
In other patients, continuation of isolation is unnecessary.*

Resolved infection with persistent PCR positivity

*Positive test results are unlikely to represent persistent infectiousness in patients with resolved symptoms
Do not extend isolation based solely on test positivity without other evidence to suspect persistent infectiousness or reinfection*

Reinfection

*Positive test results may represent reinfection; initiate isolation and quarantine close contacts.
Note: while the time period where COVID-19 reinfection may be possible is not yet known, after 90 days a persistently positive PCR is less likely. Reinfection has been demonstrated with other coronaviruses in various settings.*