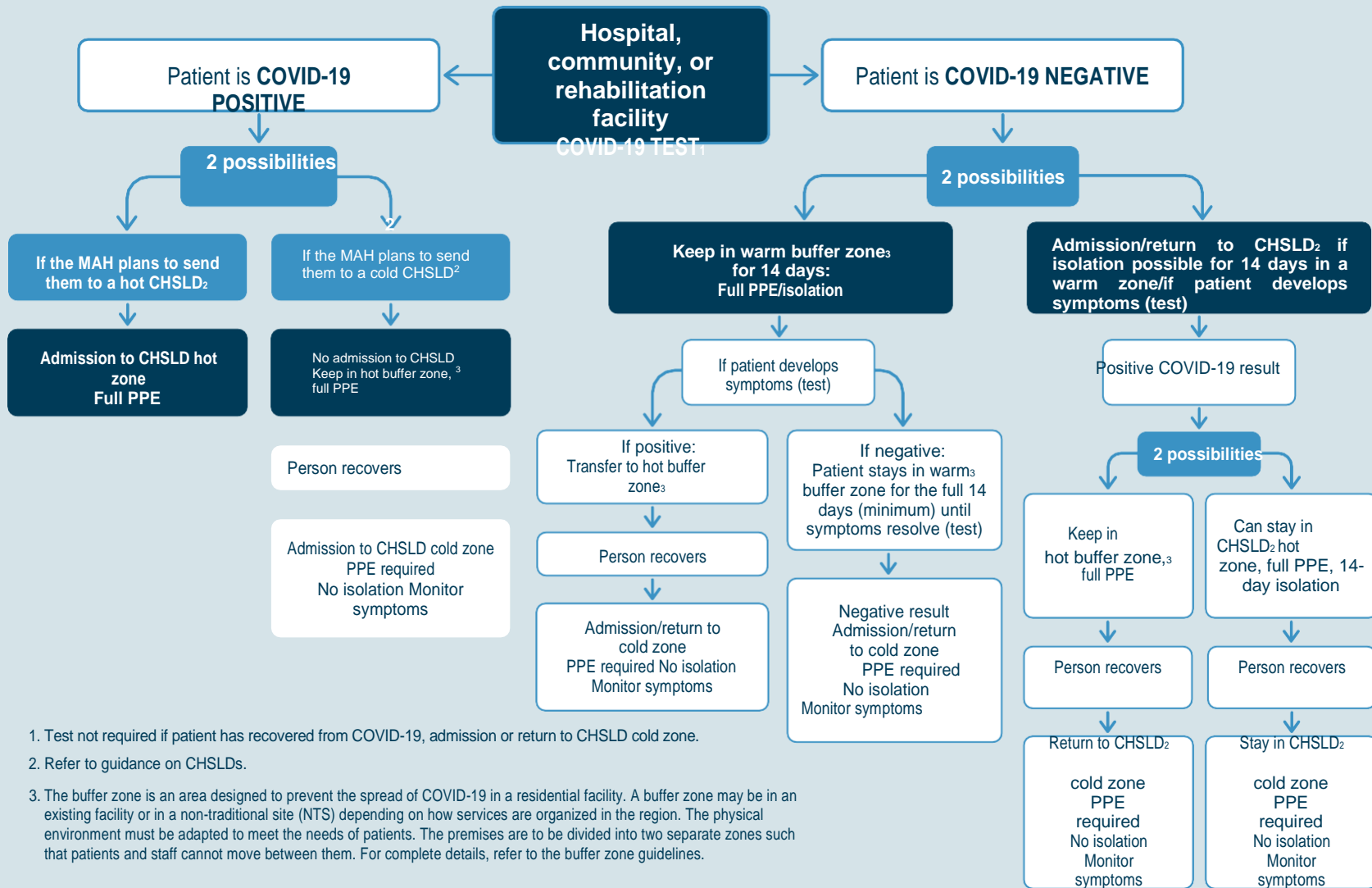


Pathway: Admission or return to a CHSLD after a stay in a hospital or rehabilitation facility or admission to a CHSLD from the community



- Recovery criteria:
- At least 14 days since the onset of acute illness (CIDRAP, 2020) or 21 days for patients on corticosteroids, on immunosuppressants, or in intensive care
 - No fever for 48 hours (without the use of fever reducers)
 - 24 hours with no acute symptoms
 - Negative PCR on at least two consecutive respiratory samples taken 24 hours apart after resolution of acute illness

1. Test not required if patient has recovered from COVID-19, admission or return to CHSLD cold zone.
 2. Refer to guidance on CHSLDs.
 3. The buffer zone is an area designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in a residential facility. A buffer zone may be in an existing facility or in a non-traditional site (NTS) depending on how services are organized in the region. The physical environment must be adapted to meet the needs of patients. The premises are to be divided into two separate zones such that patients and staff cannot move between them. For complete details, refer to the buffer zone guidelines.