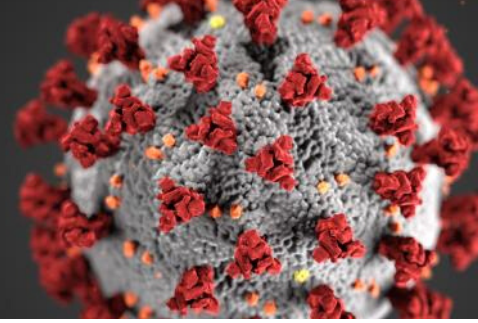


COVID-19

Notification and Investigation Process

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

As the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 climb in Michigan and in Allegan County, the likelihood that you will know someone who tests positive increases each day. This can be scary and stressful because for many of us, we don't yet know how COVID-19 will impact our families, friends, colleagues, and communities.

COMMUNITY SPREAD IN ALLEGAN COUNTY

Since there is evidence of COVID-19 community spread, **every location should be considered a potential risk.** Treat every person as though they are infected because the virus can go undetected in many people. People of any age, even those who do not have any symptoms, could be a carrier of the new coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

Residents should continue to:

- Follow the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order
- Keep 6 feet from others
- Frequently wash hands
- Sanitize frequently touched surfaces
- Wear homemade mask or cloth face covering when out in public places



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN SOMEONE I KNOW TESTS PCR LAB-CONFIRMED POSITIVE OR IS DIAGNOSED PROBABLE FOR COVID-19?

1

Allegan County Health Department is notified of a resident that tested positive for COVID-19. People that are being tested should contact the Health Department so the investigation/self-isolation and contact tracing/self-quarantine can begin as soon as possible.



Employees should also reach out to their direct supervisor and the Human Resources Department notifying them that they are being tested and if they receive a positive test result.

2

Allegan County Health Department contacts the person under investigation (PUI) and works with them to identify people they have had contact with and review any other recommendations or next steps. The Clinical Team will determine who is considered a close contact requiring self-quarantine. The onset of symptoms, as well as the nature, proximity and duration of contact with the PUI are all taken into consideration in determining the close contact list.

WHAT IS A CLOSE CONTACT?

Close contact generally means being in close contact (within 6 feet) for 10 or more minutes, living with or caring for a person or being in direct contact with secretions (sneezed or coughed on).



3

If the PUI identifies a possible exposure risk within a worksite, the Health Department will contact the employer to collaborate regarding identifying the close contacts, determining their County of residence and making notification of their need for self-quarantine and next steps.

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The Health Department will communicate with people considered a close contact so they can self-quarantine and monitor themselves for any symptoms. This means a health department will contact you if you have been identified as a close contact to a person being investigated or testing positive for COVID-19.

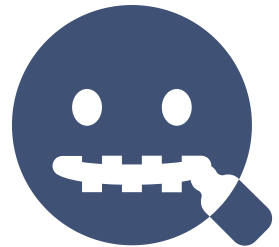
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In the event of a potential workplace exposure, the Health Department will work with the organization's human resources department and reach out to staff to provide additional support and resources.

RIGHT OF PRIVACY

We understand there is a lot of anxiety and uncertainty around this situation.

Please respect others' rights to privacy during the COVID-19 pandemic. If a colleague, friend, family member, or anyone else informs you of a COVID-19 diagnosis, please do not share this with others. The Health Department has a rigorous process in place to identify cases and close contacts as soon as possible.



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