

What is the process for contact tracing?

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The Midland County Department of Public Health receives a report very soon after someone has tested positive in Midland County. **Please note: the individual that tests positive will likely receive the message before the health department either from their doctor or through their electronic medical chart.**

The Health Department calls every Midland County resident who tests positive for COVID-19 to conduct a "case investigation", or an interview to understand the people with whom they had close contact while they were contagious and to guide them through the 10-day isolation period. Information about close contacts of students or staff is also provided by the school. After working with the individual who tested positive and the school, the list of the close contacts considered exposed is passed to a contact tracer. The contact tracers notify all close contacts of their potential exposure and provide instructions for the 14-day quarantine period. Please remember the health department is working through hundreds of cases and you will receive a call but it **may take 48-72 hours**. If you test positive, start your isolation period right away. If you know you are a close contact, stay at home in quarantine starting immediately and await further instructions from our team.

If my child is a close contact to someone who tests COVID positive, does the rest of my family need to quarantine?

Family members of quarantine individuals, such as parents or siblings, do not need to quarantine. Only people who have had direct, personal contact with a person who tests positive for COVID needs to quarantine. However, if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 while on quarantine, they will be considered a probable case and household members may be asked to quarantine until test results are obtained.

Questions?

Midland County Department of Public Health: co.midland.mi.us/HealthDepartment

COVID19 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services: michigan.gov/coronavirus

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: cdc.gov/coronavirus

What To Do While On Quarantine

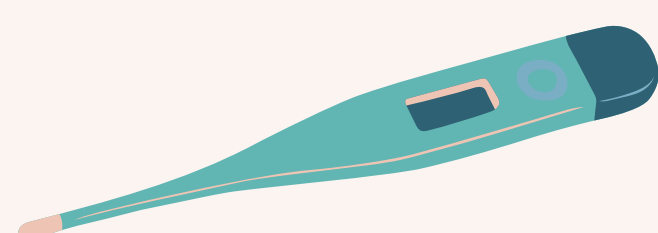
Stay at home.



Watch for other symptoms.



Check your temperature.



Limit interaction with others, even in your own home.

