

# Back to School 2020-2021 Update November 19

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# This meeting is for School and Health Department Staff

We have limited time to cover all our topics. The slides and recordings will be available on our websites within 1-3 days.

- <https://www.dhd10.org/coronavirus/>
- <https://www.mmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus/>
- <https://www.cmdhd.org/novel-coronavirus>

If you have questions, please send them to:

- For Roscommon, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Isabella Counties:
  - [info@cmdhd.org](mailto:info@cmdhd.org)
- For Missaukee, Crawford, Kalkaska, Wexford, Lake, Mason, Manistee, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta Counties
  - [info@dhd10.org](mailto:info@dhd10.org)
- For Montcalm, Gratiot, Clinton Counties
  - <https://www.mmdhd.org/contact/>

Please make sure all  
needed information is  
passed to school  
secretaries, nurses, etc.

# New Orders

One portion referenced was not new...From October 14 MIOSHA COVID-19 Emergency Rules [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/Final\\_MIOSHA\\_Rules\\_705164\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/Final_MIOSHA_Rules_705164_7.pdf)

## Wording of Rule

- Rule 5. Basic infection prevention measures for all employers.
  - *(8) The employer shall create a policy prohibiting in-person work for employees to the extent that their work activities can feasibly be completed remotely*

## What that means for you...

- You MUST have employees work from home that feasibly do their work from home. They CANNOT work at the school/office if they do not absolutely have to.
  - *If they are teaching in person, they need to work in person*
  - *If they are teaching remotely, on quarantine, doing office work that can all be done remotely, and can be fitted with technology to work from home, THEY MUST WORK FROM HOME*

# MIOSHA COVID-19 Workplace Safety Frequently Asked Questions

[https://www.michigan.gov/leo/0,5863,7-336-100207\\_103271---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/leo/0,5863,7-336-100207_103271---,00.html)

**Q: Executive Rule 5(8) says: The employer shall create a policy prohibiting in-person work for employees to the extent that their work activities can feasibly be completed remotely. What type of policy is required?**

- MIOSHA will accept a written policy which indicates that employees are not to perform in-person work activities where the work activity can be feasibly be completed remotely.
- Employers are obligated to demonstrate infeasibility of remote work.
- Employers should include in the remote work determination information which covers at least:
  - Which positions/classifications report for in-person work and why they must be physically present in the workplace;
  - Reasons that this work cannot be performed remotely, this must include enough specificity to show this analysis has been performed.
- This written policy may be part of the employer's COVID-19 preparedness and response plan. It does not have to be a stand-alone document.

Employers and employees with questions regarding workplace safety and health may contact MIOSHA using the new hotline at 855-SAFEC19 (855-723-3219).

# New Orders Effective Nov. 18 until (at least) December 9

## Wording of Order

### 5. Schools, colleges, and universities.

*a. Gatherings at public, nonpublic, and boarding schools for the purpose of conducting in-person instruction, sports, and extracurricular activities serving pupils in grades 9 through 12 are prohibited, except for in-person instruction of pupils who are English Language Learners or participants in special education services;*

*b. Gatherings at public, nonpublic, and boarding schools for the purpose of conducting in-person instruction of pupils in prekindergarten through grade 8 are permitted, subject to local health department and school district decisions on remote learning. Gatherings for the purpose of sports and extracurricular activity are prohibited;*

*c. Gatherings at public, nonpublic, and boarding schools are permitted for the purpose of providing services to students in need, including food distribution, access to internet connectivity, physical and mental health care services, and child care.*

## What that means for you...

### Grades 9-12:

- No in-person school, sports or extracurricular activities EXCEPT:
  - *The following can get in-person education:*
    - Those receiving special education services
    - English language learners
  - *The following gatherings are also permitted*
    - Providing services to students in need (such as food distribution, access to internet, physical/mental health care services, child care)

### Grades K-8

- In-person education permitted (individual decisions allowed re: remote learning)
- The following gatherings are permitted even if decision is made to close to in-person education
  - *In-person education to those receiving special education services or to English language learners*
  - *Providing services to students in need (such as food distribution, access to internet, physical/mental health care services, child care)*
- NOT permitted:
  - *Sports*
  - *Extracurricular activities*

# New Orders

## Wording of Order

7. Face mask requirement at gatherings.

a. All persons participating in gatherings are required to wear a face mask.

### Definitions

- “Face mask” means a tightly woven cloth or other multi-layer absorbent material that closely covers an individual’s mouth and nose.

## Changes from before...

- Face mask requirement applies to residential and non-residential gatherings now
  - *Otherwise, “Face mask requirement at gatherings” and “Exceptions to face mask requirements” is unchanged*
- NOTE: a more specific definition of face mask is given in the definition section

# FAQ for Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 – Gatherings and Face Mask Order

[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98455-545420--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-545420--,00.html)

**Q: Section 7(d) of this order states that organizations may accept a person's verbal representation that they are not wearing a mask because they fall within an excepted group. Does this mean that schools *must* accept a verbal statement and cannot require a doctor's note for people who request a mask exemption in a school?**

A: No. Consistent with the Return to School guidance, schools are permitted (and in fact recommended) to require a doctor's note for persons seeking an exemption from the face masks requirement.

**Q: Are masks required at all times within gyms and indoor exercise facilities?**

A: Yes.



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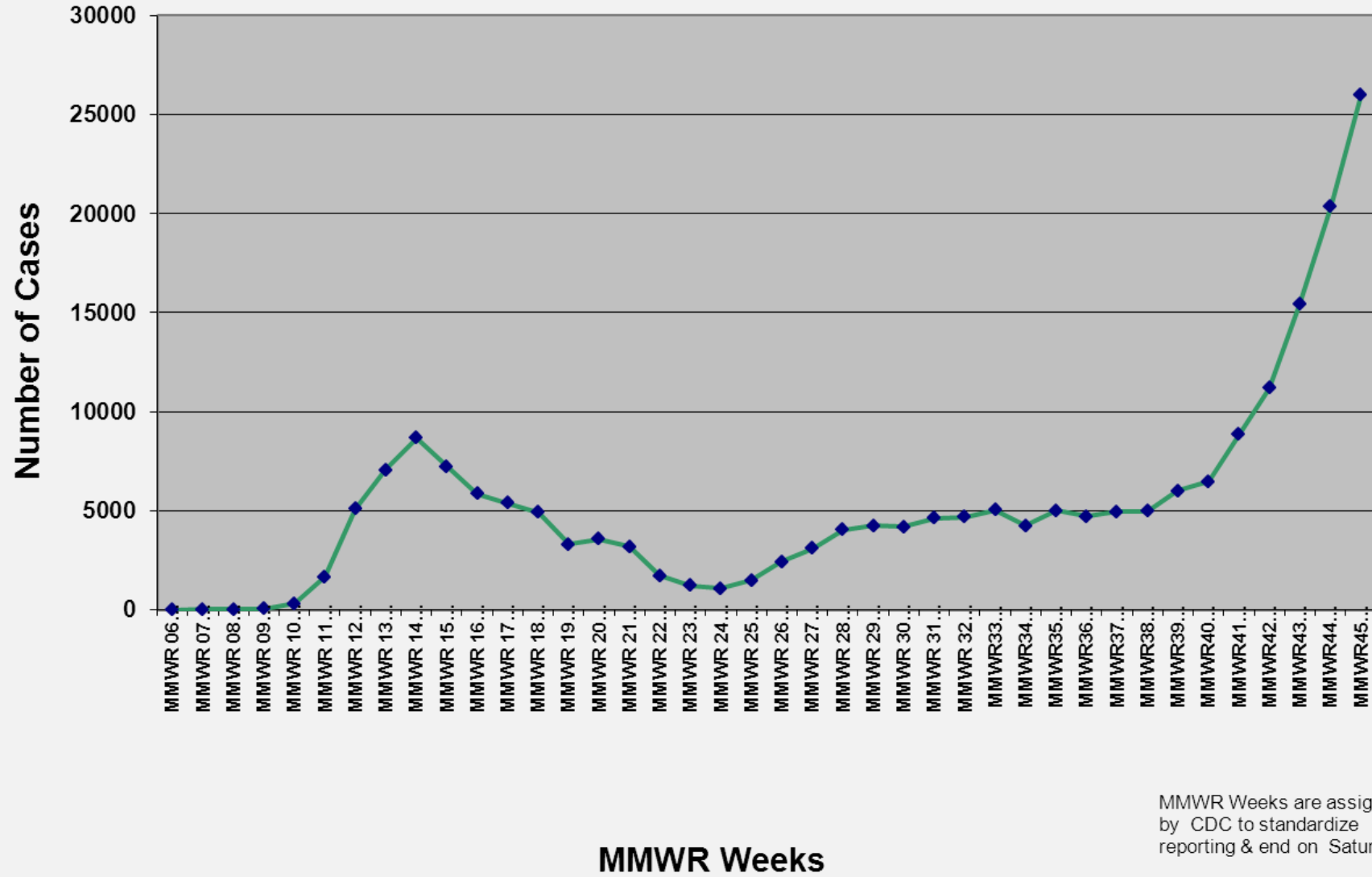
## **Q: Are high schools still permitted to be open for purposes other than in-person instruction?**

A: Yes, high schools (grades 9 through 12) may remain open for purposes such as providing a location for staff or students who do not have reliable internet or computers to engage in remote learning, to distribute meals, or to provide medical care at a school-based health clinic. High schools are not permitted to be open for extracurricular activities or athletics.

## **Q: Are elementary and middle schools still permitted to be open for purposes other than in-person instruction?**

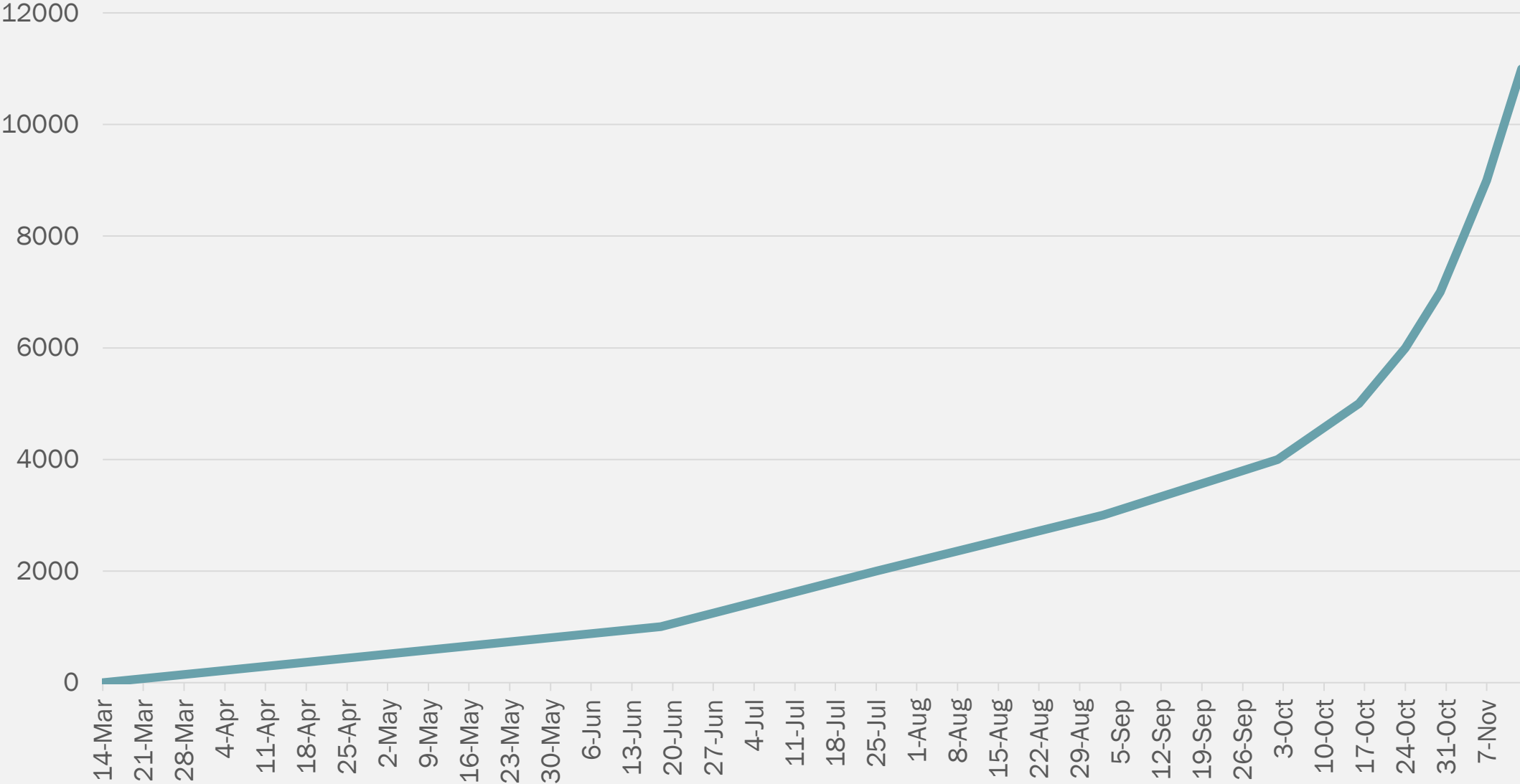
A: Yes, elementary and middle schools (preschool through grade 8) may also offer childcare services, including daycare for children before or after school hours, as well as community support services such as meal distribution or medical care at a school-based health clinic. They may not host athletics or extracurricular programs.

# Novel Coronavirus Confirmed Cases Michigan - 2020 Cases by MMWR Weeks



MMWR Weeks are assigned  
by CDC to standardize  
reporting & end on Saturday

# Totals of CMDHD, DHD10, MMDHD Districts



# UNOFFICIAL Review of data from the 19 counties last 2 weeks (cases reported to us from 11/10-11-17)

- In the 19 counties, we had 4049 cases, 261 (6%) of the cases were in teachers or students.
- 69 (26%) in teachers
- 192 (74%) in students
- 34 (13%) of the cases in the schools were associated with outbreaks
  - *In the past 3 weeks it was 12%, 7%, and 10%.*
- We have not been able to get workplace/school/occupation on about 50-70% of cases

# For Week of 11/10-11/17

County	Number of cases in K-12 teachers/staff last 7 days	Number of cases in K-12 students last 7 days	Number of cases associated with a declared K-12 outbreak last 7 days	Approx. time from date of test to receipt of test results (to patient or LHD)	total cases	% cases school related	% cases school outbreak related
Arenac	3	3	3	avg. 3 days	95	6%	3%
Clare	8	3	0	2 to 6 days	134	8	0
Gladwin	5	12	8	3	198	9	4
Isabella	16	17	0	3 to 6 days	478	7	0
Osceola	0	17	0		44	37	0
Roscommon	4	4	0	3 to 5	87	9	0
total	36	56	11		1036		

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Crawford	1	1	0		62	3	0
Kalkaska	1	0	0		67	1	0
Lake	0	0	0		40	0	0
Manistee	0	5	0		62	8	0
Mason	1	5	0		104	6	0
Mecosta	0	7	0		165	4	0
Missaukee	0	3	1		55	5	2
Newaygo	4	15	0		278	7	0
Oceana	3	7	0		191	5	0
Wexford	1	7	1		131	6	0.7
total	11	50	2		1155		

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Clinton	5	42	4	3-6 days	542	9	0.07
Gratiot	7	24	5	3-5 days	907	3	0.05
Montcalm	10	20	2	7-Apr	334	9	0.05
total	22	86	11		1783		

As of November 16 <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98159-523641--,00.html>

Health System/Hospital	COVID-19 Patients	COVID-19 Patients in ICU	Bed Occupancy %	N95 Masks	Surgical Masks	Gowns	Exam Gloves	Eye Protection
Ascension Standish Hospital	4	2	100%	>30 days	>30 days	0 days	15-30 days	0 days
McLaren Central Michigan Hospital	3	2	31%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Mercy Health Lakeshore Campus	0	0	30%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Kalkaska Memorial Health Center	0	0	13%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
MidMichigan Medical Center - Clare	3	0	24%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
MidMichigan Medical Center - Gladwin	7	0	33%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
MidMichigan Medical Center - Gratiot	16	2	100%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
MidMichigan Medical Center - Midland	62	12	71%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital	16	14	92%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital	13	3	71%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital	0	0	23%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Sheridan Community Hospital	1	0	60%	>30 days	7-14 days	15-30 days	7-14 days	7-14 days
Sparrow Carson City Hospital	0	0	33%	>30 days	15-30 days	15-30 days	15-30 days	>30 days
Sparrow Clinton Hospital	1	0	50%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Spectrum Health - Big Rapids Hospital	12	1	53%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Spectrum Health - Ludington Hospital	10	5	45%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Spectrum Health - Reed City Hospital	0	0	0%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial	8	5	71%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Spectrum Health Kelsey Hospital	1	0	0%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Spectrum Health United Hospital	16	2	85%	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days	>30 days
Statewide Grand Total	3,564	743	74%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA



# Review of Data

NOTE: % positive may be falsely high due to under reporting of all negative tests at this time with rapid antigen testing

# Evidence and Guidance for In-Person Schooling during the COVID-19 Pandemic Updated November 5, 2020 (from October 21, 2020)

With colder weather, case transmission is likely to rise, and school districts will be faced with challenging decisions on when to revert to distance learning vs. continuing in-class instruction. These challenging decisions can be informed by asking a few key questions and reflecting on the ability of the school, alongside public health partners, to remediate any identified issues:

1. Did your school have difficulty implementing and maintaining all aspects of its school safety plan?
2. How effective has your collaboration with local public health?
3. How quickly is disease transmission and test positivity accelerating in your region? *(Note that regions that surpass 9% test positivity might consider temporary closures.)?*
4. Has there been evidence of in-classroom transmission within your school?
5. Has there been evidence of increasing linked transmission in your school or other schools in your region despite high levels of compliance with safety measures?
6. Are there populations to consider for prioritized maintenance of in-school instruction (e.g., children with learning differences or special needs)?

Full report <https://policylab.chop.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/publications/PolicyLab-Policy-Review-Evidence-Guidance-In-Person-Schooling-COVID-19-Nov-2020.pdf>

# Due to increase in volume...

We may not be able to respond to calls/questions as quickly

We/MDHHS are not able to investigate cases and do contact tracing as quickly

We encourage you to continue to identify close contacts and advise them on quarantine

- *Editable handout for self-quarantine available [here](#).*
- *Good explanations and illustrations of quarantine time using calendars can be found at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html)*

Use our infographics for your websites/messaging

- *Available at <https://www.dhd10.org/covid-19-infographic-gallery/>*

## If you were notified that you are a close contact to a positive case:

1. **Self-quarantine** in your home for **14 days** and cease any activities that puts others at risk for exposure to COVID-19.
  - Self-quarantine should begin the first full day after the last date of exposure to the positive case.
    - FOR EXAMPLE: If the last exposure date is 10/20, begin counting quarantine from 10/21 through 11/3. You may then resume normal activities on 11/4.
2. Prevent anyone who does not reside in your household from entering the home.
3. Consider getting tested, especially if you develop symptoms of COVID-19, and wear a mask at that time.
4. If you get tested and results are negative, you **MUST** still complete **14 days of self-quarantine** before resuming normal activities.

## If you were notified that you are positive for COVID-19

1. Communicate & cooperate with DHD#10 staff who will be contacting you to evaluate the situation, provide further guidance, and answer any questions you may have.
2. Notify all your **close contacts** immediately.
  - A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period\* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or 2 days before testing) until the positive person enters isolation.
3. **Self-isolate** in your home away from other household members for **10 days** and cease any activities that put others at risk for exposure to COVID-19.
  - Prevent anyone who does not reside in your household from entering the home.
4. If after 10 days your symptoms have improved, you have not had a fever for 24 hours (without the use of medications), and re-evaluation from has occurred, you may return to normal activities.

## If you have recently been tested for COVID-19:

1. **Self-isolate** in your home as though you have COVID-19.
  - Stay away from other household members and cease any activities that put others at risk for exposure to COVID-19.
  - Prevent anyone who does not reside in your household from entering the home.
2. Begin a list of your close contacts beginning two days prior to symptoms or your COVID-19 test date.
  - A close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period\* starting from 2 days before illness onset (or 2 days before testing) until the positive person enters isolation.
3. If you were tested because you are a close contact to a positive case, you **MUST complete 14 days of self-quarantine even if the test is negative**. If you were tested because you have symptoms, you may need to **complete 10 days of self-isolation even if the test is negative**. Please consult your local health care provider or DHD#10.

# Due to increase in volume...

- We encourage you to go to CDC as source of answers (go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html> and use search bar to find answers to many of your questions)
  - *Common questions:*
    - A negative COVID-19 test DOES NOT end quarantine before the 14 days due to the unacceptably high false negative rate of available testing. See “[I was around someone who has COVID-19, and my COVID-19 test come back negative. Do I still need to quarantine for 14 days after I was last exposed?](#)”
    - If a member of a household needs to be in quarantine due to an exposure outside the household (ex.: exposed to COVID-19 positive individual at school or work), only that individual needs to be in quarantine in their household. The other members of the household have no restrictions. See “[What if I have been around someone who was identified as a close contact?](#)”
    - If an infected person has recovered and then later is exposed, do they need to quarantine? See “[If an infected person has clinically recovered and then later is identified as a contact of a new case, do they need to be quarantined?](#)”
    - When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19 (i.e., when isolation ends) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>
    - Exact definition of a close contact <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html>

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