

COVID-19 FAQs

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This information was drawn from Grand Traverse County Health Department guidelines. You can find more complete and specific information at www.gtchd.org.

My student tested positive for COVID-19. What's next?

- Students who test positive for COVID-19 should isolate at home for 10 days from their symptom onset (if they have symptoms) or positive test result (if no symptoms). Please report the absence along with anticipated date of return to the school office.
- If the test was done at home, Grand Traverse County Health Department requests you report the result here: https://grandtraversehealth.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ac8HcgnS8l6dbuK
- If the test was done at a doctor's office or clinic, that office is supposed to forward the result to the Health Department.
 - If, after 2-3 business days, the test result has not yet been received, you may wish to call the office that performed the test and request that the result be forwarded to the Health Department.
- Once the test is confirmed by the Health Department, the school will issue a case notification and work with the Health Department by providing them with case contact information and school-related close contacts based on exposure dates as determined by the Health Department. The process of confirmation often takes time by the Health Department, but it is the most reliable way to avoid errors in positive cases and quarantines.
- The Health Department will email letters to any close contacts who may be recommended to quarantine.

My student is a close contact to someone with COVID-19. What now?

Following Health Department protocols, a close contact should quarantine for 10 days and monitor themselves closely for symptoms. Exceptions to the quarantine requirement are:

No quarantine

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID within the last 90 days, have completed the 10-day isolation period, and are symptom-free.
- Fully vaccinated individuals (have had complete doses and allowed the appropriate time since last dose) who are symptom-free.
- Unvaccinated individuals who test daily before coming to school for 7 days from most recent exposure; these individuals will wear a mask at school.

Modified quarantine

- Unvaccinated individuals who quarantine for 7 days may return to school on day 8 with a negative result in the last 48 hours. No mask required.

Please be sure to communicate with the school regarding your situation and your student's anticipated date of return to school.

I have a question not covered by this document. Who should I call?

- The Health Department has designated contacts for school related COVID questions.
 - Phone: (231) 995-6803
 - Email: schoolsCOVID19@gtchd.org