

Positive COVID Result and Quarantine Process

This document is intended to help families make decisions regarding what to do when notified that a student will be quarantined due to contact tracing for COVID19. It is essential that everyone understand that these options can change at any minute due to a variety of factors such as MDHHS changes in Orders/outbreak situations in a class/school or the district/lack of testing materials available, etc. These are the current conditions as they exist today. Please be patient with school staff as we work through the process as it is not easy to manage all of this.

General Positive Case Identification:

Step 1: If displaying any symptoms (including, but not limited to: loss of taste and/or smell, fever, cough, runny nose, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) stay home and work with your doctor to determine if testing is appropriate.

Step 2: If tested, or anyone in the family is tested, keep everyone home until the results are finalized. If taking an at-home test and you receive a positive test result, remember to take a picture for verification.

Step 3: Contact the school where the child attends to share that there is a positive case. Provide child's name, grade, date symptoms started, date of birth, and type of test used to determine the positive result.

Step 4: If the test is positive, go to the LCHD website and self-report:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6359915/UPDATED-COVID-19-Self-Report-Form>

Step 5: Wait for notification from the LCHD regarding next steps. This may take up to 24 hours.

Standard Quarantine:

Step 1: The school is notified of the need to contact trace due to a positive case. The LCHD must verify a positive test result and/or epidemiologic link before quarantine notification can be completed.

Step 2: District staff works with teachers, transportation and the positive student to identify close contacts.

Step 3: The District reports close contacts to the LCHD and notifies parents of the estimated quarantine period.

Step 4: The LCHD determines the quarantine period of close contacts and communicates the option of Standard Quarantine or Alternate Quarantine (if available). The Standard Quarantine is the default quarantine and will be implemented for 10-days. This means that close contacts cannot attend school during the 10-day quarantine period.

Step 5: Teachers will provide work to be completed at home during the quarantine. Teachers may provide this work through SeeSaw (K-2), Google Classroom (3-12), or in another format. This work is intended to be practice and not a synchronous learning experience.

Step 6: Students may return to school when the quarantine period has expired, if the student does not have any COVID-19-like symptoms.

Alternate Quarantine:

This option is available if there are testing materials available, there are no current outbreak conditions associated with the school a child attends, students and parents follow all timelines and expectations, and it continues to be supported by the LCHD. If you choose this option, please refrain from debating your views with the people you are working with to enroll and complete expectations. These individuals have no say in the decisions being made around COVID-19 quarantines they are just doing their job to the best of their ability.

Step 1: The school is notified of the need to contact trace due to a positive case. The LCHD must verify a positive test result and/or epidemiologic link before quarantine notification can be completed.

Step 2: District staff works with teachers, transportation and the positive student to identify close contacts.

Step 3: The District reports close contacts to the LCHD and notifies parents (see Superintendent letter dated September 9, 2021 and sample letter attached at <https://www.hartlandschools.us/COVID-19/>) of the estimated quarantine period.

Step 4: The LCHD determines the quarantine period of close contacts and communicates the option of Standard Quarantine or Alternate Quarantine (if available) via text and email. Do not contact LCHD before you receive a text and email regarding your child's quarantine notification. Based upon the time your student's information is received at the LCHD, you will receive a notification within 24 hours. The Standard Quarantine is the default quarantine and will be implemented for 10 days if the Alternative Quarantine is not registered for in the time frame provided by the LCHD.

Step 5: If the Alternate Quarantine (JK-12) is offered and the student registers for this option in the proper time-frame, instructions to receive your test kits will be provided in the text message and email.

Note: Disagreement regarding your thoughts around quarantine or mask-wearing is not to be had at the time of pick-up. The individuals you will be interacting with are in no way responsible for the decisions being made.

Step 6: If all directions provided by the LCHD for this option are followed, the student may return to school with the first negative home test. **Note:** This option is designed to keep children in school learning and does not allow for participation in after school activities of any type, including extracurricular activities, sports, and before/after school care.

Step 7: The student must report to the school office to verify the negative home test and show that they are wearing a mask.

Step 8: Staff will be alerted to the student's return with the stipulation that a mask must always be worn except while eating/drinking.

Step 9: If at any time a positive home test occurs, the student will automatically be moved to the Standard Quarantine for the remaining quarantine period and follow any guidance from the LCHD, which may result in a longer isolation period being implemented. This may extend the time in which the child may not attend school. This will not be debated in any form.

Step 10: If the student is reported to not be wearing a face mask appropriately, not completing the daily symptom screen, or if the home testing is not reported daily, they will be automatically moved to the Standard Quarantine for the remaining quarantine period. This will not be debated in any form.

MDHHS 7-Day Quarantine:

Step 1: The school is notified of the need to contact trace due to a positive case.

Step 2: District staff works with teachers, transportation and the positive student to identify close contacts.

Step 3: The District reports close contacts to the LCHD and notifies parents of the estimated quarantine period.

Step 4: The LCHD determines the quarantine period of close contacts and communicates the option of Standard Quarantine or Alternative Quarantine (if available). If the Alternative Quarantine is offered and accepted, this option becomes void.

Step 5: If the student is put into the Standard Quarantine, they may choose to seek a PCR test from a medical provider no earlier than the 5th day of quarantine (see MDHHS My School Guidance dated 9-8-2021 and updated on 9-10-2021 at <https://www.hartlandschools.us/COVID-19/>). Note: Home tests will not be accepted.

Step 6: If the health provider PCR tests result is negative, the student may return to school on day 8 of the quarantine period with a stipulation that they will wear a mask at all school functions until the end of the designated quarantine period.

Step 7: On the morning of day 8, the student must report to the school office to verify the negative medical provider PCR test and show that they are wearing a mask.

Step 8: Staff will be alerted to the student's return with the stipulation that a mask must always be worn except while eating/drinking.

Step 9: If at any time the student is reported to not be wearing a face mask, they will be returned to the standard quarantine. This will not be debated in any form.

COVID Resources

https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Documents/Parent-and-Guardian-COVID-19-Resource-Packet-2021-2022_13august21.pdf : Parent Guide

<https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Documents/Directions-for-Isolation-Quarantine-Monitoring-and-Social-Distancing-COVID-19.pdf> : Isolation and Quarantine Guide

<https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Pages/COVID-19-Alternate-Quarantine-Overview.aspx> : Alternate Quarantine Process