

# ALLEGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## Bioterrorism Preparedness

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## Personal Health

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## Communicable Disease

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## Environmental Health

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## Resource Recovery

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## Warning Notice

September 1, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of,

The Allegan County Health Department has become aware that your son/daughter is a close contact to a COVID-19 positive individual and has determined that he/she is a "carrier", as defined by Michigan Law, of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2). Michigan Law defines "carrier" as "an individual who serves as a potential source of infection and who harbors or who the health department reasonably believes to harbor a specific infectious agent or a serious communicable disease or infection, whether or not there is present discernible disease" (MCL 333.5201(1) (a)).

**You are hereby notified that you are required to cooperate with the Allegan County Health Department in efforts to prevent or control the transmission of this serious disease or infection.**

If you fail to take the actions prescribed in this warning notice, the Allegan County Health Department may petition the circuit court to seek an order to compel your compliance, which may result in you being taken into protective custody to protect the public's health (MCL 333.5205). You are further advised that, except in the case of an emergency, you have a right to a hearing before the court issues an order at which time you may be present, you may cross-examine witnesses, and you may be represented by an attorney. If you are unable to afford an attorney, the court shall appoint one for you.

Should any non-compliant behavior create an emergency situation where he/she becomes a health threat to others, an immediate court order may be sought pursuant to Michigan Law MCL 333.5207. Upon issuance of this court order, he/she may be taken into protective custody to protect the public's health. In such event, you will then be afforded the opportunity for a hearing in circuit court within 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

ALLEGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT—WARNING NOTICE LETTER

The Allegan County Health Department directs you to:

Notify the following designated health official(s) to report signs or symptoms of illness, as described below, for purposes consistent with monitoring disease prevalence.

Designated Health Official(s): See contacts below

Follow the instructions or methods listed below which are considered reasonable guidelines for the control of communicable disease or infection:

- Mandated-quarantine at home (stay in your home—do not go to work, school, public places, places of worship, or other people’s homes). If you are a health care worker, please notify the health department, as there may be different guidance that applies to you. Do not have others over to your home while completing the quarantine period. If you have in-home services (Meals on Wheels, etc.) call and let them know you are on quarantine for being a close contact prior to them coming.
- His/Her quarantine is effective at least fourteen days after last contact with the COVID-19 positive individual. He/she has an opportunity to reduce to 10 days provided:
  - He/She does not develop any symptoms or clinical evidence of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) infection during daily symptom monitoring for the 10 days after the last exposure; and,
  - Daily symptom monitoring continues through day 14 after the last exposure.
  - If you are employed, your employer has reviewed PUBLIC ACT 238 and MIOSHA Emergency Orders and determined you can return to work.
- If you live in the same home or are taking care of a person with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) your self-quarantine period (10-14 days) begins when the person affected with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) enters their recovery period. This currently is defined as having had symptoms for at least ten days, an improvement of their symptoms and not having a fever (while not taking fever reducers) for at least 24 hours- whichever is the longer period. The Health Department will assist you in determining when you are able to stop quarantine. See enclosures.
- During this time, we ask you to self-assess your son/daughter for signs and symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, headache, diarrhea, sore throat, chest pain, or chills.

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- The Health Department will make contact with you. If you experience symptoms, contact your designated Health Official immediately.
  - Contact in the order below:
    1. Allegan County Health Department: (269) 673-5411 operates M-F 8a-5p
    2. Emily Warren , Office: (269) 686-4519
    3. Lisa Letts, Office: (269) 686-4535
- If he/she has a medical emergency during his/her monitoring period and call 911, please tell them that he/she is currently being quarantined by the local Health Department. If you need to access health care providers, call ahead and let them know he/she is currently being quarantined by the local Health Department. Wear a mask.
- If you have any questions or have basic needs (food, housing, etc.) that aren't being met, contact our team at (269) 673-5411.

The Allegan County Health Department fully anticipates you will voluntarily comply with the prescribed instructions in this warning notice. Additionally, your compliance is appreciated and reflects your commitment to protect your family, friends, and community to prevent or stop the spread of communicable disease. A representative of the Allegan County Health Department shall verify your compliance with any prescribed directive included in this order in a timely manner determined to best protect the health of the public.

This order is issued by:

Served by:



Angelique Joynes, MPH  
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Public Health Officer  
Allegan County Health  
Department



Lisa Letts, RN BSN  
Public Health Services Manager  
Allegan County Health Department