



January 20, 2021

Health Alert: COVID - 19

Dear Colleagues,

Please note the following concerning COVID-19 quarantine:

All contacts to COVID-19 cases are required to be quarantined unless they have been previously confirmed as having COVID-19 within the last 90 days. Positive antibody testing does NOT negate quarantine for individuals identified as COVID-19 contacts.

Currently the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does NOT allow exclusion from quarantine for individuals vaccinated against COVID-19 who are contacts to COVID-19 cases. However, further guidance on this from the CDC is expected shortly and will be forwarded to you when it is received.

Although both the 10-day and 14-day options for quarantine of contacts to COVID-19 cases are accepted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Ottawa County Department of Public Health (OCDPH), the 7-day option is NOT accepted by either agency and is not acceptable for return to work or school.

Distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine continues in Ottawa County although it has been slowed somewhat by a limited supply of vaccine. OCDPH is currently completing vaccination phase 1A and has started administering the vaccine to individuals 65 and older in phase 1B. Although we do not have a specific date when the vaccine will be available to medical practitioners in Ottawa County, we will update you as information becomes available.

Also, we have been receiving questions lately about the latest updates to international travel and to the OCDPH School Fact Sheet. Updated information may be found as follows:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

[www.miottawa.org/Health/OCHD/pdf/OCDPH\\_School-factsheet.pdf](http://www.miottawa.org/Health/OCHD/pdf/OCDPH_School-factsheet.pdf)

Thank you for all you do to keep our Ottawa County residents healthy and safe. If you have further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul A. Heidel".

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