

## COVID-19 Response FAQs for Local Businesses

### **I have COVID-19 case at my establishment, do I need to close?**

- If you are a licensed food establishment you must close your business immediately if an employee receives a positive result. Perform a deep clean, consistent with guidance from the FDA and the CDC. Such cleaning may occur overnight.
- If your business is any other type a plan must be in place for sending employees home, and for temporary closures of all or part of the workplace to allow for deep cleaning.

### **What should I use for cleaning after COVID-19 in the workplace?**

EPA approved disinfectants: <https://cfpub.epa.gov/giwiz/disinfectants/index.cfm>

### **Do I need permission to Re-open?**

No. Once you have closed for deep cleaning you may re-open. A representative from the Ottawa County Health Department may be in contact with you if additional items need to be addressed prior to re-opening.

### **Do I need to have any of my other staff stay home from work?**

Maybe. Any individual who has been within 6' of the positive COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period is considered a close contact and must be quarantined.

### **If a close contact is tested for COVID-19 and receives negative test results, are they released from quarantine?**

No. Quarantine is required for all individuals regardless of COVID-19 test results. It may take up to 14 days for an individual exposed to COVID-19 to test positive for the virus or develop symptoms.

### **Do I need to have my staff tested?**

No, testing is not required. Although testing staff who have potentially been exposed is not required, COVID testing is often helpful to management and staff members.

### **Am I required to notify the public?**

No, this is not required. If a public notification is necessary to protect public health this will be done by the Ottawa County Department of Public Health.

### **What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?**

A person who tests positive for COVID-19 is Isolated, a person who has close contact with a COVID-19 case is Quarantined. <https://cdc.gov/quarantine/index.html>

**What are the guidelines for people who have had contact with a COVID-19 case (Quarantine Guidelines)?**

Helpful flow charts from CDC can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

**What services/roles are considered essential services and how does that change quarantine requirements?**

Critical infrastructure information found here: <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>

**My establishment is considered “Critical Infrastructure/ Essential,” but my employee is a close contact to a COVID-19 case, can they still work?**

Maybe. If the organization cannot function without the individual, they may continue to work, but must strictly following these guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/critical-workers/implementing-safety-practices.html>. If the organization is able to function without the individual, they should wait until their quarantine period is over to return to work.

**My establishment is considered “Critical Infrastructure/ Essential,” but my employee is positive for COVID-19. Can they continue to come to work?**

No. Even if the individual is asymptomatic (no COVID-19 symptoms) they may not report to work. Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must complete their Isolation prior to coming back to work.

**What if I live with somebody who has COVID-19?**

Helpful flow charts from CDC can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

**What if I’ve had close contact with someone who has had close contact to somebody with COVID-19 (contact to a contact), should I be quarantined?**

No, quarantine is not necessary in this situation. As a precaution, self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.

**What if someone tested positive for COVID-19, recovers, and is exposed to somebody who has COVID-19?**

People who have tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to quarantine or get tested again for up to 3 months as long as they do not develop symptoms again. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

**What regulations related to COVID-19 apply to my establishment (emergency orders, etc)?**

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

**What happens when someone at school gets COVID-19?**

Helpful information and flow chart can be found here: [https://www.miottawa.org/health/ochd/pdf/OCDPH\\_School-factsheet.pdf](https://www.miottawa.org/health/ochd/pdf/OCDPH_School-factsheet.pdf)

**Other helpful links:**

Ottawa County Resources: <https://www.miottawa.org/Health/OCHD/coronavirus.htm>

General COVID-19 traveling guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>

State and territorial COVID-19 websites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html>