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Frequently asked questions about COVID19 Isolation and Quarantine.

How do I get a COVID19 test?

Testing in Van Wert County is done with a physician's order at Van Wert North and Van Wert Hospital so you must contact your doctor first. If you do not have a physician, you can call Family Health Care of Northwest Ohio at 419-238-6747 where you will receive a tele-visit and will be tested. After being tested your child should be quarantined at home until the test results are given to you.

What if my child tests positive for COVID 19?

1. If your child tests positive for COVID19 you will be informed of the results by the physician who ordered your test.
2. The Health Department will contact you and will ask you about your child's contacts. A contact is anyone within 6ft for 15 minutes or more.
3. The Health Department will contact the school to find out who within the school is deemed to be a contact of your child.
4. The Health Department will call all of the contacts of your child based on the information received from you and the school.
5. Your child who tested positive will be isolated for 10 days. This means that your child will need to stay at home and not be in contact with anyone else. If possible, keep them away from other household family members and have them wear a mask when this cannot be avoided. Any surface they touch must be disinfected to prevent the spread of this virus. If they cannot have their own bathroom, you will need to disinfect the bathroom after every use. They are not to attend school or go to practice, etc. They should be in contact with no one except for those unavoidable household contacts.
6. After 10 days they can return to school if they have no fever for 24 hours without fever reducing drugs and their symptoms are improving. According to your school policy, since they have been out for more than 5 days, they will need to have a doctor clear them to return to school.

What happens if my child is determined to be a contact of a positive case?

1. If the health department calls you and notifies you that your child has been identified as a contact to a positive case, they will need to quarantine for 14 days.
2. During this quarantine, your child will need to stay at home. They will not be attending school, going to practice or going to work. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from the Health Department. Being tested will not and cannot change the quarantine time.
3. The Health Department will help you register for a contact tracing system. You will report your symptoms daily throughout this system.
4. If your child does not develop symptoms, you will be allowed to return to school on the 15th day.
5. If your child develops symptoms you will need to contact your physician to determine if a COVID 19 test should be done. Your child cannot come to school with symptoms and will need to stay at home until the test results come back.
6. If your child tests positive follow the section above on “What happens if my child tests positive...”

If you have questions about isolation or quarantine, please call the Van Wert County Health Department at 419-238-0808. We cannot share with you information about a person who tests positive but we will answer general questions and help to determine if your child is a contact of a positive.

