



**Emergency Order (Ingham 2020-19)
Frequently Asked Question**

Q: If I have recently had COVID-19 and I have completed my isolation, must I still quarantine? Is documentation required to prove this?

A: If you first tested positive for COVID-19 or first became symptomatic for COVID-19 within the last three months or 90 days, you do not need to quarantine if you were cleared from isolation by the health department which oversaw your case. The risk of reinfection after 90 days is unknown so if you were cleared from isolation by the health department more than three months ago, you must quarantine.

Documentation may be requested to confirm clearance from isolation within the last three months.

Q: If I was already under quarantine, must I extend my quarantine now?

Yes. Your exposure date has been adjusted and your end-of-quarantine date was also adjusted.

Q: The quarantine order makes no exception for work. This will cause financial hardship. What can I do?

A: If work is critical or an essential function or missed work will cause financial hardship, and your employer agrees, you may work if [safety protocols](#) are followed. Please keep a log indicating the time you left the house and the time you arrived at work, as well as the time you left work and arrived back at the house. Also, please keep a daily log of those with whom you have close contact while at work to facilitate contact tracing should it be necessary.

Q: Can I attend religious services if I am under quarantine?

A: Many religious services are available online; that is preferred. If attendance is necessary, it should be limited to small gatherings, less than 25. You must screen yourself for symptoms prior to entry. Use the MSU tool if you are affiliated with MSU. ([The ICHD workplace screening tool can be used in the absence of other tools.](#)) If symptomatic, do not attend.

Q: What should I do if have additional questions?

A: Call the COVID-19 Hotline at (517) 887-4517, option 5, or email inghamstayshome@ingham.org

Q: Do you need a warrant to enter people's residences?

A: No, we do not. Here is the part of the public health code that states that. If residents refuse to allow the health department to enter, then we will obtain a warrant but it is not necessary.

Inspection or Investigation Authority	§ 2221(2)(d) § 2241(1) § 2433(2)(c) § 2446 Rule 173(9)	Local health departments are authorized to inspect or investigate: – A suspected outbreak or exposure – Any matter, thing, premises, place, person, record, vehicle, incident, or event Local health investigators to be provided with medical and epidemiological pertaining to individuals who have, are suspected of having, or may have been exposed to a disease or condition of public health significance
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Q: Are people under quarantine allowed to exercise outdoors (walking, running, bike riding, etc.)?

A: Yes, outdoor exercise is allowed. Wear a mask (or have one available) if 6 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. You may not visit a gym or other indoor exercise facility.

Q: Can people quarantine in their permanent residence (a parent’s or guardian’s home)?

A: It is permissible for house residents to leave and quarantine at home. The travel should be as direct as possible with limited stops. When home, you still must quarantine for 14 days. Please understand that if you do not quarantine, and you are exposed and/or become ill shortly after your return, the house will be under quarantine again.

Q: Are people allowed to go to the grocery store?

A: Yes, this is allowed although delivery of groceries is preferred. It is preferable for grocery store visits be planned and done by one person and not by a group of people to reduce the amount of interpersonal interaction that could lead to exposure.

Q: Are staff members of the house allowed in and out of the house (house mothers, cooks, etc.)?

A: Yes. Staff provide essential service to the house and must continue to be allowed to do so. They should maintain 6 feet of distance from residents and wear face coverings while in the house.

Q: Are residents of the quarantined houses evicted?

A: No, no one should be required to leave the house to quarantine elsewhere. A person may choose to quarantine in their permanent residence, however.

Q: Why was my house put under quarantine?

A: The health department has identified congregate housing as a risk factor for COVID-19, and there is at least one known COVID-19 case or exposure in your house during the past 14 days.

Q: What should I do if I believe I was quarantined in error?

A: Please email inghamstayshome@ingham.org. Your email will be reviewed. We will contact you if the house mandatory quarantine is lifted.

Q: What is the punishment for violating the order?

A: Violations or refusals to comply with this quarantine order will be referred to Ingham County Circuit Court with a request for appropriate remedies as follows: Consistent with MCL 333.2261 and 764.15(1), willful violation of this order constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or a fine of not more than \$200, or both. An individual may be arrested if violation occurs in the presence of a police officer, or the police officer has reasonable cause to believe individual has violated a rule or order. Violations or refusals to comply will additionally be referred to Michigan State University when applicable.

Q: Can I pick up food to go (takeout)? Or must it be delivered?

A: In-house eating/cooking and home delivery are preferable.

However, if curbside pick-up or drive through is unavoidable, the trip should be made by one person. Masks must be worn when leaving the property and while making a purchase. Drive through encounters must be contactless

Q: If I pick up prescriptions must I do the drive thru or can I go inside?

A: If you can drive through, you should use that option to pick up your medication. If you must go inside to pick up your prescription that would be allowed. Wear a mask and socially distance.

Q: Can I attend my in-person classes or labs?

A: Yes, but you must wear a mask, socially distance yourself from others and have no COVID-19 symptoms (use an aforementioned screening tool).

Q: Can I attend intercollegiate athlete training with my team?

A: Yes, if your coach approves and you do not have any symptoms. (Use a symptom screening tool.) Please keep a log indicating the time you left the house and the time you arrived at training, as well as the time you left work and arrived back at the house. Also, please keep a daily log of those with whom you have close contact while at training to facilitate contact tracing should it be necessary

If there are additional questions or concerns, please email them to inghamstayshome@ingham.org