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The Seneca County General Health District wants to inform all citizens of the current status of the COVID pandemic in the county and what to do if you become ill, have a positive test, or are the close contact of a positive case.

- If you have a positive COVID test you need to isolate yourself for a period of at least 10 days starting the day after your positive test was done. Please start to isolate as soon as you have the test in case it comes back positive. If you experienced symptoms before your test then your isolation period of 10 days starts the day after the symptoms started.
- If positive, we are asking that you notify all close contacts of yours who would have been within 6 feet of you for a period of longer than 15 minutes in a twenty four hour period. They should quarantine for 14 days starting the day after the last time they were in close contact with you. This includes your household contacts. If possible, stay in a separate part of the house, wear masks and do extra surface cleaning.
- There are exceptions to workers, such as in the healthcare profession, which are considered essential employees. The guidelines in that situation are that they may

work if they remain symptom free and wear appropriate PPE. They however should refrain from going anywhere else.

Due to the back log in the state data base we may not get the results of a positive test for several days after the results are complete. Please do not call the health department to provide this information, we will get it eventually. Someone from the health department will eventually contact you in the order in which your test results were received.

We sincerely ask for your partnership in these efforts and appreciate your cooperation. These measures are necessary to help us slow the spread of COVID 19. By all working together we can help more citizens remain COVID free and maintain the integrity of our work force and the businesses we rely upon.

To employers, due to the backlog as well as our workload, we may not be able to supply documentation such as quarantine letters, stay at home letters or return to work slips in a timely manner. We ask for your patience in this. These are unprecedented times which call for modifications in policies and practices on everyone's part.

Thanks you to our community. Stay safe and healthy and protect each other.

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