

My name is Anna Pennala. I live in Brighton Township with my husband and 4 children. Like many children in our state, my children's education was interrupted and denied by the overreach of state and local power during the Covid-19 pandemic. This overreach consisted of the Livingston County Health Department issuing mandatory quarantine directives without issuance of a public health order as required by law. Once the impact of this overreach hit my home I recognized the importance of taking a stand.

It is imperative to understand what occurred so that it is never repeated. If this understanding doesn't take place, we will find ourselves in a similar circumstance in the next pandemic. My goal is to educate our community to protect not only my children, but all of the students in our county from the potential for recurrence.

What started out as a “protective measure” quickly turned into a grave injustice, snubbing the fundamental rights of Due Process and First Amendment protections, as well as rights to education. Fortunately, our state and federal constitutions were written so that we are afforded our rights, whether there is an emergency circumstance or not.

Throughout this presentation I will provide you with an understanding of how the local health department, in partnership with the local schools, wrongly denied education to thousands of students in our county by ignoring the laws that are meant to protect the people from the government, not the government from the people.

On May 5, 2021, the MDHHS (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) advised that enforcement of MDHHS school quarantine guidelines must be thereafter by local health department order. (See paragraph #7 highlighted on the next page).

This state directive was acknowledged by a Washtenaw County Health Department order dated May 13, 2021.

**PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
QUARANTINE ORDER FOR K-12 STUDENTS THAT HAVE CLOSE CONTACT
WITH A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE**

Matters of concern to the health of Washtenaw County residents having been brought to the attention of the Local Health Officer of the Washtenaw County Health Department, and the Local Health Officer having made the following determinations, issues this Order pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Code, MCL 333.2451 and 333.2453, as well as R. 325.175(4), which is an administrative rule promulgated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to MCL 333.2226(d).

1. On October 5, 2020 and as recently as April 16, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services through its Directors have declared an Emergency Order to address threats to the public health posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, primarily through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person or carrier coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely to occur indoors and when people are in close contact with one another.
3. Although vaccinations in the County are proceeding at a positive level and the hope is that continued vaccination will lead to reduced community transmission, COVID-19 remains a public health issue that impacts local institutions such as educational settings.
4. Household transmission of COVID-19 is common. Because risk of transmission is high among households, household members who are not sick but have been exposed to COVID-19, pose a high risk to educational settings if they return before a quarantine period has been completed.
5. It has been observed in educational settings that when prevention strategies such as masking, distancing, and handwashing are applied consistently that school-associated transmission of COVID-19 may be reduced.
6. Many students in schools who are identified as COVID-19 cases have competing household exposures, supporting continuation of quarantine for household close contacts who are affiliated with educational settings.
7. As of May 5, 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has advised that enforcement of MDHHS' school quarantine guidelines must be now by local health department order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that all students enrolled in or attending K-12 schools in Washtenaw County that have had a close contact with a positive COVID-19 case are required to quarantine for at least 10 days and up to 14 days after the last exposure and under certain circumstances. Further, as soon as possible, persons identified as close contacts in K-12 Schools and related extracurricular activities must be notified of their potential exposure by the schools.

- a. Students who have been within 3 feet of a positive COVID-19 case (as early as 2 days prior to symptom onset) in a classroom setting or school bus setting for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period, regardless of masking.

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- b. Students who have been within 6 feet of a positive COVID-19 case (as early as 2 days prior to symptom onset) for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, as part of extracurricular activities, or in lunchrooms, hallways, locker rooms, music classrooms, or in classrooms where students cannot mask.
- c. Students who have had a household contact with a positive COVID-19 case (as early as 2 days prior to symptom onset) where they reside.
- d. Preschool classrooms in K-12 settings will continue to be treated as a cohort, which requires the entire class to quarantine in most situations.

DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ABOVE ORDER:

2. Close Contact is defined as someone who has been within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes to a laboratory-confirmed or clinically-compatible COVID-19 case.
3. Extracurricular Activities is defined as:
 - a. Athletic Programs associated/affiliated with K-12 schools.
 - b. Any other elective or voluntary program offered by the school or hosted at the school or in other locations under school auspices.
4. Quarantine is defined as:
 - a. The student must remain at home for at least 10 days except for medical appointments and necessary, life-sustaining travel. A full 14-day quarantine may still be required in certain situations, such as larger outbreaks or exposure to variants, etc.
 - b. The student cannot attend in-person class and/or in-person extracurricular activities.
 - c. The student is encouraged to attend virtual class instruction.
5. A positive COVID-19 case is defined as a person infected with COVID-19 as confirmed through laboratory testing or clinically-compatible illness.

THIS ORDER DOES NOT APPLY TO:


1. Persons who were a positive COVID-19 case in the past 90 days and have recovered.
2. Fully vaccinated persons. Fully vaccinated means it has been at least 14 days since receiving the final dose in the vaccine series (two doses of Moderna or Pfizer, or one dose of Janssen/Johnson & Johnson.)
3. Staff in K-12 schools as they are covered by different orders.

FURTHER:

1. This Order does not supersede current MDHHS Epidemic Orders. Current MDHHS mask mandates, including those relevant to K-12 schools still apply.
2. Violations of this Order will be addressed through all available avenues outlined in the Michigan Public Health Code. The Health Department may pursue petitions through the Courts to enforce this quarantine Order.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER.

May 13, 2021


Jimena Loveluck, MSW

Washtenaw County Health Officer

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) and the Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) have the same medical director. Advice and direction thus is shared between both county health departments.

WCHD issued their Public Health Order on May 13, 2021. LCHD never issued a single Public Health Order. (See FOIA emails from June 9 and June 11, 2021.)

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From: **Emma Harman** <EHarman@livgov.com>

Date: **Wed, Jun 9, 2021 at 2:31 PM**

Subject: RE: [EXT] Written policy regarding masking and quarantines for school aged children of Livingston County

To: amanderson@alumni.nmu.edu <amanderson@alumni.nmu.edu>

Hello Alena,

Thank you for reaching out to LCHD with your questions! At this time, LCHD has not issued any Public Health Orders regarding face masks, quarantine, and testing of school-aged children in Livingston County schools. The current MDHHS Epidemic Order covers mask wearing, school-aged testing for athletics, among other topics (<https://bit.ly/3csP8Xm>).

I hope this helps to answer your questions. Let me know if there are other questions I can answer other questions for you.

Best,

Emma

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From: **Livingston County FOIA Center** <livingstoncountymi@mycusthelp.net>

Date: **Fri, Jun 11, 2021 at 9:40 AM**

Subject: [Records Center] County: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request :: F000263-060921

To: amanderson@alumni.nmu.edu <amanderson@alumni.nmu.edu>

--- Please respond above this line ---



At this time, Livingston County Health Department has not issued any local Public Health Orders regarding face masks, quarantine, and testing of school-aged children in Livingston County schools.

Thank you, Elaine Brown

For information to file an appeal, please see the [Livingston County's FOIA Appeals](#)

For more information please see the [Livingston County's FOIA Procedures and Guidelines, and its Public Summary](#)

Both of the FOIA responses came AFTER the new advice was given by MDHHS to local health departments. These responses acknowledge that LCHD had not issued quarantine orders.

Yet many students were given repeated and even consecutive quarantine directives with no due process. These mandatory quarantine directives resulted in a deprivation of education of 10-14 days ***each*** time, along with deprivations of other rights.

All of the mandatory quarantine directives for the entire school year of 2021-2022 were unlawful by the Livingston County Health Department. This impacted the education of every student in Livingston County's 5 school districts.


On Sept. 21, 2021, 4 months after the May 5th, 2021 transfer of power from state to local control, I was notified, via an email from the school, that my daughter would not be able to attend school. She was deemed a “close contact” to a confirmed Covid-19 case by the LCHD. We were informed she would have to quarantine.



Tue 9/21/2021 5:12 PM

hillerj@brightonk12.com

Scranton: CLOSE CONTACT TO POSITIVE COVID CASE - PLEASE READ

 You forwarded this message on 9/29/2021 3:04 PM.

Dear Parent/Guardian and 

I regretfully report to you that today the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD), in collaboration with SMS, has determined you/your child as a “close contact” to a confirmed COVID-19 case.

- If you are currently in quarantine, this email is in regards to a separate positive Covid-19 Test result. This exposure may result in your quarantine being extended. Please refer to the LCHD's letter and follow the quarantine guidelines through the furthest date out.

A "close contact" is an individual who has been within six feet of a confirmed COVID-19 case for 15 minutes or more, in a situation where masks are not mandated. According to LCHD guidance, your child can select from the two options outlined by Dr. Outlaw in his email last week. If they are fully vaccinated (2 weeks out from 2nd shot) or have been confirmed as having tested positive for Covid within the last 90 days, they are exempt from quarantine. If one of these conditions applies to the student, and you have not yet provided us with documentation of such, please provide the documentation to Jill Langenderfer (langenderferj@brightonk12.com).

Option 1 is a standard quarantine for 10 days from the last date of contact with the positive case (9/13, 9/14, or 9/15) unless the “close contact” is experiencing COVID-19 on day 10. If symptoms are occurring on day 10 of quarantine, the “close contact” should extend the quarantine to 14 days and contact their physician.

Option 2 is the alternate plan outlined in Dr. Outlaw's email which includes masking and daily testing for the duration of what would have been the 10 day quarantine period. The health department will provide guidance on this. As mentioned in Dr. Outlaw's email, your student would be able to continue to attend classes so long as they remain symptom-free, test negative, and mask while in attendance.

- If a family chooses Option 2, the “close contact” may return to school as soon as you have evidence of enrollment in the program (e.g. show confirmation of an email or text from the health department to our front office).

I am sure you know that we cannot identify the name of the positive case to you. Our county health department staff will contact you by email and/or text message with directions and timelines regarding the above options. These directions will include information on the standard quarantine, as well as the alternate option and require you to select how you would like to proceed from these choices.

If selecting the standard 10 day quarantine, students are expected to participate in school. They can learn about assignments through Google classroom, and they should follow any quarantine instruction plan their teachers have communicated to them.

Students on quarantine are not allowed to participate in athletics or after school events unless fully vaccinated.

Again, if you have more than one child who attends SMS, we have also sent this “close-contact” email to the impacted students. Please have your students check their email to know which of your students this affects.

Sincerely,

SMS Administration

After being notified by the school, I received a similar notification from LCHD the following day.

The LCHD email says that my daughter “**must quarantine at home.**” This isn’t a suggestion. This is a mandatory directive to quarantine.

From: Livingston County Health Department <noreply@lchd.mydatahelps.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 5:50 PM

To: Anna Pennala <apennala2@TriTecLLC.com>

Subject: Your student was recently exposed to COVID-19



LIVINGSTON COUNTY Health Department

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) has received information that your student, [REDACTED], was recently exposed to COVID-19.

[REDACTED] may not attend school and must quarantine at home.

I then received a description of a Standard Quarantine from LCHD. The description makes clear that this is not just an exclusion from school, but a full home quarantine, and that my daughter was “**required to self-quarantine at home.**”

It explains, “**Home quarantine means your student should not leave your house except to seek medical care** (exceptions include: natural disasters, such as a house fire or flood, during which you should wear a face mask while you are out of the house.” (See next page.) This means she could not attend church too, denying her the freedom of religion!



Standard Quarantine

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) has received information regarding your student's [REDACTED] recent exposure to COVID-19 on **September 28th**.

To protect yourself and others, your student is **required to self-quarantine at home** for the duration of the quarantine period from **September 28th** through **October 8th**. Your student can return to school starting on **October 9th**.

Home quarantine means your student should not leave your house except to seek medical care (exceptions include: natural disasters, such as a house fire or flood, during which you should wear a face mask while you are out of the house). If you need assistance to obtain food or other resources, please contact the LCHD at [517-546-9850](tel:517-546-9850).

If your student starts to develop symptoms during quarantine, please notify the LCHD immediately by calling [517-546-9850](tel:517-546-9850). If your student needs medical care you should contact your physician, emergency department, or urgent care for diagnosis and treatment. You **MUST** contact the healthcare facility prior to leaving to tell them about your symptoms and exposure to COVID-19. This allows them to make sure you and everyone in the facility remain safe. If you call an ambulance you **MUST** inform them of your risk and symptoms.

The symptoms to report include:

- Fever of over 100.4° Fahrenheit
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- Other early symptoms, including chills, body aches, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, headache, diarrhea, and nausea/vomiting

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Individuals that have completed their quarantine for COVID-19 are eligible to be vaccinated immediately. To schedule your COVID-19 vaccination at the LCHD, please visit: [COVID-19 Vaccination Scheduling](#).

If you have questions, contact the LCHD at [517-546-9850](tel:517-546-9850). For more information, please see our website at www.livgov.com/health.

Once you have finished reviewing this information, you may close this window.

Note of interest: I saved screen shots of this information because once you get outside of the dated “quarantine” time frame the information disappears (conveniently) and you can no longer see the information from the LCHD.


Another note of interest: If you were vaccinated and provided documentation – quarantines were not required. (Discrimination based on vaccine status.)

According to MCL 333.5203 the issuance of this quarantine directive is invalid. It clearly states in our state law that the health department notice shall be individual and specific. (Not cookie cutter – with the same notification going to thousands of students). The law also states that a written warning notice shall be served either by registered mail, return receipt requested, or personally by an individual who is employed by, or under contract to, the department or a local health department.

I understand that the job seemed insurmountable to do this the legal way, but the health department cannot simply ignore laws. The law is in place for a reason.

Section 333.5203

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PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT) Act 368 of 1978

333.5203 Warning notice generally.

Sec. 5203.

(1) Upon a determination by a department representative or a local health officer that an individual is a carrier and is a health threat to others, the department representative or local health officer shall issue a warning notice to the individual requiring the individual to cooperate with the department or local health department in efforts to prevent or control transmission of serious communicable diseases or infections. The warning notice may also require the individual to participate in education, counseling, or treatment programs, and to undergo medical tests to verify the person's status as a carrier.

(2) A warning notice issued under subsection (1) shall be in writing, except that in urgent circumstances, the warning notice may be an oral statement, followed by a written statement within 3 days. A warning notice shall be individual and specific and shall not be issued to a class of persons. A written warning notice shall be served either by registered mail, return receipt requested, or personally by an individual who is employed by, or under contract to, the department or a local health department.

(3) A warning notice issued under subsection (1) shall include a statement that unless the individual takes the action requested in the warning notice, the department representative or local health officer shall seek an order from the probate court, pursuant to this part. The warning notice shall also state that, except in cases of emergency, the individual to whom the warning notice is issued has the right to notice and a hearing and other rights provided in this part before the probate court issues an order.

History: 1978, Act 368, Eff. Sept. 30, 1978 ;-- Am. 1988, Act 490, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989

Popular Name: Act 368

MCL 333.5203 goes on to say that if the warning notice isn't adhered to, the health department shall seek an order from probate court and that the individual whom receives the warning has the right to notice and a hearing before the court issues an order!

None of this happened. We did not receive in person delivery or a notice by registered mail. These statutory requirements were ignored by LCHD.

MCL 333.5205 states that if an individual does not comply with an order then the health department has the right to further pursue the infectious person. Although in order to pursue this person, many legal rights are afforded to the accused first. This is due process. This was denied the entire time.

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

333.5205 Failure or refusal to comply with warning notice; petition; hearing; notice; waiver; orders; recommendation and duties of commitment review panel and circuit court; appeal to circuit court; termination or continuation of commitment; cost of implementing order; right to counsel; appeal to court of appeals; leaving facility or refusal to undergo testing for certain infections as contempt.

Sec. 5205. (1) If a department representative or a local health officer knows or has reasonable grounds to believe that an individual has failed or refused to comply with a warning notice issued under section 5203, the department or local health department may petition the circuit court for the county of Ingham or for the county served by the local health department for an order as described in subsection (6).

(2) A petition filed under subsection (1) shall state all of the following:

(a) The grounds and underlying facts that demonstrate that the individual is a health threat to others and, unless an emergency order is sought under section 5207, has failed or refused to comply with a warning notice issued under section 5203.

(b) The petitioner's effort to alleviate the health threat to others before the issuance of the warning notice, unless an emergency order is sought under section 5207.

(c) The type of relief sought.

(d) A request for a court hearing on the allegations set forth in the petition.

(3) If a test subject refuses to undergo a test requested by an officer or employee or an arresting individual under section 5204, the officer's or employee's or arresting individual's employer may petition the circuit court for the county in which the employer is located or the appropriate district court for an order as described in subsection (7).

(4) A petition filed under subsection (3) shall state all of the following:

(a) Substantially the same information contained in the request made to an officer's or employee's or arresting individual's employer under section 5204(2) and (3), except that the petition shall contain the name of the arrestee, correctional facility inmate, parolee, or probationer who is the proposed test subject.

(b) The reasons for the officer's or employee's or arresting individual's determination that the exposure described in the request made under section 5204(2) and (3) could have transmitted HIV, HBV, or HCV, or all or a combination of those viruses, along with the date and place the officer or employee or arresting individual received the training in the transmission of bloodborne diseases required under section 5204(1).

(c) The fact that the arrestee, correctional facility inmate, parolee, or probationer has refused to undergo the test or tests requested under section 5204(2) and (3).

(d) The type of relief sought.

(e) A request for a court hearing on the allegations set forth in the petition.

(5) Upon receipt of a petition filed under subsection (1), the circuit court shall fix a date for hearing that shall be as soon as possible, but not later than 14 days after the date the petition is filed. Notice of the petition and the time and place of the hearing shall be served personally on the individual and on the petitioner not less than 3 days before the date of the hearing. Notice of the hearing shall include notice of the individual's right to appear at the hearing, the right to present and cross-examine witnesses, and the right to counsel as provided in subsection (12). The individual and the petitioner may waive notice of hearing, and upon filing of the waiver in writing, the circuit court may hear the petition immediately. Upon receipt of a petition filed under subsection (3), the circuit court or the district court shall fix a date for hearing that shall be as soon as possible, but not later than 24 hours after the time and date the petition is filed. Notice of the petition and the time and place of the hearing shall be served personally on both the proposed test subject under section 5204 and the petitioner within a time period that is reasonable under the circumstances. Notice of the hearing shall include notice of the proposed test subject's right to appear at the hearing, the right to present and cross-examine witnesses, and the right to counsel as provided in subsection (12). The proposed test subject and the petitioner may waive notice of the hearing, and upon filing of the waiver in writing, the circuit court or the district court may hear the petition filed under subsection (3) immediately.

(6) Upon a finding by the circuit court that the department or local health department has proven the allegations set forth in a petition filed under subsection (1) by clear and convincing evidence, the circuit court may issue 1 or more of the following orders:

(a) An order that the individual participate in a designated education program.

(b) An order that the individual participate in a designated counseling program.

(c) An order that the individual participate in a designated treatment program.

(d) An order that the individual undergo medically accepted tests to verify the individual's status as a

carrier or for diagnosis.

(e) An order that the individual notify or appear before designated health officials for verification of status, testing, or other purposes consistent with monitoring.

(f) An order that the individual cease and desist conduct that constitutes a health threat to others.

(g) An order that the individual live part-time or full-time in a supervised setting for the period and under the conditions set by the circuit court.

(h) Subject to subsection (8), an order that the individual be committed to an appropriate facility for the period and under the conditions set by the circuit court. A commitment ordered under this subdivision shall not be for more than 6 months, unless the director of the facility, upon motion, shows good cause for continued commitment.

(i) Any other order considered just by the circuit court.

(7) Upon a finding by the circuit court or the district court that the officer's or employee's or arresting individual's employer has proven the allegations set forth in a petition filed under subsection (3), including, but not limited to, the requesting officer's or employee's or arresting individual's description of his or her exposure to the blood or body fluids of the proposed test subject, the circuit court or the district court may issue an order requiring the proposed test subject to undergo a test for HIV infection, HBV infection, or HCV infection, or all or a combination of the 3 infections.

(8) The circuit court shall not issue an order authorized under subsection (6)(h) unless the court first considers the recommendation of a commitment review panel appointed by the court under this subsection to review the need for commitment of the individual to a health facility. The commitment review panel shall consist of 3 physicians appointed by the court from a list of physicians submitted by the department. Not less than 2 of the physicians shall have training and experience in the diagnosis and treatment of serious communicable diseases and infections. However, upon the motion of the individual who is the subject of the order, the court shall appoint as 1 member of the commitment review panel a physician who is selected by the individual. The commitment review panel shall do all of the following:

(a) Review the record of the proceeding.

(b) Interview the individual, or document the reasons why the individual was not interviewed.

(c) Recommend either commitment or an alternative or alternatives to commitment, and document the reasons for the recommendation.

(9) An individual committed to a facility under subsection (6)(h) may appeal to the circuit court for a commitment review panel recommendation as to whether or not the patient's commitment should be terminated. Upon the filing of a claim of appeal under this subsection, the court shall reconvene the commitment review panel appointed under subsection (5) as soon as practicable, but not more than 14 days after the filing of the claim of appeal. Upon reconvening, the commitment review panel shall do all of the following:

(a) Review the appeal and any other information considered relevant by the commitment review panel.

(b) Interview the individual, or document the reasons why the individual was not interviewed.

(c) Recommend to the court either termination or continuation of the commitment, and document the reasons for the recommendation.

(10) Upon receipt of the recommendation of the commitment review panel under subsection (9), the circuit court may terminate or continue the commitment.

(11) The cost of implementing an order issued under subsection (6) shall be borne by the individual who is the subject of the order, unless the individual is unable to pay all or a part of the cost, as determined by the circuit court. If the court determines that the individual is unable to pay all or a part of the cost of implementing the order, then the state shall pay all of the cost or that part of the cost that the individual is unable to pay, upon the certification of the department. The cost of implementing an order issued under subsection (7) shall be borne by the arrestee, correctional facility inmate, parolee, or probationer who is tested under the order.

(12) An individual who is the subject of a petition filed under this section or an affidavit filed under section 5207 has the right to counsel at all stages of the proceedings. If the individual is unable to pay the cost of counsel, the circuit court shall appoint counsel for the individual.

(13) An order issued by the circuit court under subsection (6) may be appealed to the court of appeals. The court of appeals shall hear the appeal within 30 days after the date the claim of appeal is filed with the court of appeals. However, an order issued by the circuit court under subsection (6) shall not be stayed pending appeal, unless ordered by the court of appeals on motion for good cause. An order issued by the circuit court under subsection (7) may be appealed to the court of appeals. The court of appeals shall hear the appeal within 15 days after the date the claim of appeal is filed with the court of appeals. However, an order issued by the circuit court under subsection (7) shall not be stayed pending appeal, unless ordered by the court of

appeals on motion for good cause. An order issued by a district court under subsection (7) may be appealed to the circuit court for the county in which the district court is located. The circuit court shall hear the appeal within 15 days after the date the claim of appeal is filed with the circuit court. However, an order issued by a district court under subsection (7) shall not be stayed pending appeal, unless ordered by the circuit court on motion for good cause.


(14) An individual committed to a facility under this section who leaves the facility before the date designated in the commitment order without the permission of the circuit court or who refuses to undergo a test for HIV infection, HBV infection, HCV infection, or all or a combination of the 3 infections is guilty of contempt.

History: Add. 1988, Act 490, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989;—Am. 1997, Act 57, Eff. Jan. 1, 1998;—Am. 2000, Act 37, Imd. Eff. Mar. 17, 2000.

Popular name: Act 368

Public health code MCL 333.5207 addresses the protection of public health in an emergency, but in order to enforce it, an affidavit is required by the local health officer. The law requires that if an affidavit is served proof of the danger to society must be provable, not just speculative, and the individual will have the right to a hearing. At this hearing we would have had a right to an attorney and the ability to present and cross-examine witnesses. Due process protections again were denied! No one could challenge the findings that their child had been exposed to someone sick with Covid.

Section 333.5207

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PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT) Act 368 of 1978

333.5207 Protection of public health in emergency; affidavit; court order; taking individual into custody; transporting individual to emergency care or treatment facility; temporary detention; notice of hearing; continued temporary detention; petition.

Sec. 5207.

(1) To protect the public health in an emergency, upon the filing of an affidavit by a department representative or a local health officer, the circuit court may order the department representative, local health officer, or a peace officer to take an individual whom the court has reasonable cause to believe is a carrier and is a health threat to others into custody and transport the individual to an appropriate emergency care or treatment facility for observation, examination, testing, diagnosis, or treatment and, if determined necessary by the court, temporary detention. If the individual is already institutionalized in a facility, the court may order the facility to temporarily detain the individual. An order issued under this subsection may be issued in an ex parte proceeding upon an affidavit of a department representative or a local health officer. The court shall issue an order under this subsection upon a determination that reasonable cause exists to believe that there is a substantial likelihood that the individual is a carrier and a health threat to others. An order under this subsection may be executed on any day and at any time, and shall be served upon the individual who is the subject of the order immediately upon apprehension or detention.

(2) An affidavit filed by a department representative or a local health officer under subsection (1) shall set forth the specific facts upon which the order is sought including, but not limited to, the reasons why an emergency order is sought.

(3) An individual temporarily detained under subsection (1) shall not be detained longer than 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, without a court hearing to determine if the temporary detention should continue.

(4) Notice of a hearing under subsection (3) shall be served upon the individual not less than 24 hours before the hearing is held. The notice shall contain all of the following information:

- (a) The time, date, and place of the hearing.
 - (b) The grounds and underlying facts upon which continued detention is sought.
 - (c) The individual's right to appear at the hearing.
 - (d) The individual's right to present and cross-examine witnesses.
 - (e) The individual's right to counsel, including the right to counsel designated by the circuit court, as described in section 5205(13).
- (5) The circuit court may order that the individual continue to be temporarily detained if the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the individual would pose a health threat to others if released. An order under this subsection to continued temporary detention shall not continue longer than 5 days, unless a petition is filed under section 5205. If a petition is filed under section 5205, the temporary detention shall continue until a hearing on the petition is held under section 5205.

History: Add. 1988, Act 490, Eff. Mar. 30, 1989 ;-- Am. [1997, Act 57](#), Eff. Jan. 1, 1998
~~Popular Name: Act 368~~

As a parent of 4 children impacted by quarantines, I decided I had enough and that I wasn't going to just follow along.

I sent the following email to my child's school in response to the quarantine directive excluding her from school and confining her to home. I told the school that my daughter was not sick and that she would be attending school and extracurricular activities.

Mrs. Hiller,

Thank you for the information.

I appreciate your concern for my daughter, however, I am her mother. I will determine if she is sick. She is NOT.

She will be attending school tomorrow along with her extracurricular activities.

My child will not be denied her education due to the idea that she may get sick. She takes risks every day, some are more dangerous than others. This is ridiculous. We will not comply with this.

How do I even know when my child was in contact with this person, whoever it is! Somehow it is okay to protect the sick child's identity but my child loses her right to determine if she was even near this mystery person?!

There is NO law that says that I need to provide any medical information for my child to attend school.

Enough is enough.

If my child is sick, I will keep her home based on common sense, and as I have done for her for her entire life. If she is not sick, she will be in school.

See you tomorrow!

Thank you,
Al and Anna Pennala

I brought my daughter to school the next day and she was denied entry. I asked them to show me the school policy that says she isn't able to attend because she "might" get sick. I was told they didn't have one.

I further inquired with the district's superintendent about the MCL code they were using to enforce quarantine. He responded that "Quarantine orders are not issued by schools." (See next page)



Sat 10/2/2021 7:40 PM

Matt Outlaw <outlawm@brightonk12.com>

Re: MCL Code, law or policy

To Anna Pennala

Cc hillerj@brightonk12.com



You replied to this message on 10/2/2021 10:02 PM.

This might be a better question for the health department. Quarantines are not issued by schools. I hope that you have a great week.

On Oct 2, 2021, at 7:13 PM, Anna Pennala <apennala2@tritecllc.com> wrote:

Hi Dr. Hiller and Dr. Outlaw,

Just out of curiosity, can you please provide me with the specific MCL code number or law that is being used to enforce quarantine?

I just want to be clear about what the actual legal language is.

Thank you,
Anna Pennala

Through a FOIA request, it is clear that even the superintendent of LESA was fighting for the quarantine nonsense to stop. In the email superintendent Hubert references a conversation he had with Dianne McCormick about the negative impacts of quarantine. He was basically begging the health department to make it stop.

From: Dr. Michael Hubert <mike@livingstonesa.org>
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 11:37 AM
To: Dianne McCormick <DMcCormick@livgov.com>
Cc: Juan Marquez <JMarquez@livgov.com>; Nathan Burd <NBurd@livgov.com>
Subject: [EXT] Temporary Change to Close Contact Determination

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Good afternoon, Dianne. Thank you for your time this morning discussing the negative impact the current quarantine guidelines have on the educational opportunity for students in Livingston County. Thank you also for sharing the current trends in COVID cases and quarantine rates amongst school aged children.

Consistent with our discussion, I am writing to request your support for the implementation of a temporary change in the determination of a close contact from 6' to 3' even when exposure occurs in an environment where the students do not wear a mask.

My hope is to implement this change immediately and then continue it through October. Of course if you see a spike in COVID cases in certain buildings we would pivot back to using the 6' determination until it settles down. I would also like to ask for your help in monitoring the COVID transmission rates during October so we can convene near the end of the month to determine the possibility of continuing the temporary change during November.

I recognize that this may be a difficult change for you and your team to endorse, but if I could simply have your support for a limited time to try this change our education leaders would be very thankful.

Please let me know if you can support this change and I will send the requisite communications promptly.

Thanks!

- M



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Dianne McCormick then acknowledged in her response that **“benefits to quarantine are not effective”** and knows that there is **“a low positivity rate of approximately 2% of 6700 students quarantined through September 30th.”**

This email is from Oct. 4, 2021. Quarantine directives continued through the New Year of 2022, for 3 more months ***after*** the health director herself stated her knowledge of quarantine ineffectiveness. Why did this continue, and for who's benefit? Definitely not the children of our county!

From: Dr. Michael Hubert
Sent: Mon, 4 Oct 2021 15:13:46 -0400
To: Dianne McCormick
Cc: Juan Marquez; Nathan Burd; Rebecca Leach
Subject: Re: [EXT] Temporary Change to Close Contact Determination

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Thank you!!

- M

On Mon, Oct 4, 2021 at 2:59 PM Dianne McCormick <DMcCormick@livgov.com> wrote:

Hello Mike,

I appreciate our discussion this morning about the negative impact quarantine is having on both school resources and educational in-person opportunities for the students. MDHHS Safer Schools Guidance allows for schools and local health departments to work collaboratively together on what quarantine policies work best in their community. As such, you are requesting consideration to reduce the contact tracing isolation distance from 6' to 3' through October, based upon low positivity rate of approximately 2% of 6700 students quarantined through September 30th and as outlined in your email communication below.

It goes without saying the current MDHHS and CDC School Guidelines continues to be LCHD's recommendations for schools to follow. Understanding the importance to provide in-person education, and the data on current positivity rates suggesting that **benefits to quarantine are not effective**, LCHD will support your request as you outlined. LCHD will continue assisting in monitoring the transmission rates in school age children and within the school settings, and make appropriate additional recommendations in the event of increased transmission or outbreaks, which may include testing strategies, masking along with other appropriate public health interventions.

Sincerely,

Dianne McCormick

Director/Health Officer

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It took a threatened lawsuit paid for by concerned citizens of this county (which required \$15,000 to hire an attorney) to stop quarantine directives from being issued in Livingston County.

Once the health director's and county superintendent's feet were held to the fire they stopped colluding in their unlawful behavior.



GREAT LAKES
—JUSTICE CENTER—

November 18, 2021

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Brighton, MI 48116

Dr. Erin J. MacGregor, Supt.
Howell Public Schools
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Mr. Wayne Roedel, Supt.
Fowlerville Community Schools
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Mr. Chuck Hughes, Supt.
Hartland Consolidated Schools
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Mr. Rick Todd, Supt.
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Ms. Dianne McCormick, Director
Livingston County Health Dept.
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Howell, MI 48843

RE: Denial of Education pursuant to Improper Quarantine Directives

Dear Dr. Outlaw, Mr. Hughes, Dr. MacGregor, Mr. Todd, Mr. Roedel, and Ms. McCormick:

This letter is written on behalf of our clients who are parents and children in Livingston County and who are subject to various quarantine and other Covid-19 mandates issued by your offices. Your actions with regard to quarantines are problematic in several regards.

First, the Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is issuing quarantine orders to children and families without complying with the requirements of state law (MCL 333.5203). It is apparent that LCHD is misrepresenting voluntary quarantine requests as valid and enforceable quarantine orders. Moreover, these pseudo quarantine orders are being illegally enforced by the school districts. While LCHD may send out a notice of a request to voluntarily quarantine, it cannot issue a quarantine order without following the statutory requirements to obtain a court order. Any quarantine order issued without complying with the statutory requirements is a violation of our clients' right to due process and is not valid or enforceable. Moreover, schools have no authority to enforce an invalid "recommended" quarantine order. LCHD is issuing quarantine orders by telling families that they "may not attend school and must quarantine at home." LCHD has no authority to order students to stay home without obtaining court approval. To do so is clearly outside the scope of your authority and could lead to personal liability. It is my understanding that there are approximately 25,000 public school students in Livingston County and this past calendar year alone there have been more than 40,000 instances of students being forced to quarantine for ten days without any court order. This is a clear violation of state law and must cease immediately.

Second, when the children are quarantined illegally and sent home, they are not receiving a proper education in the home, thereby violating their constitutional right to receive a free public education. The schools have not been utilizing home bound services, do not send home schoolbooks, or provide any substantive education to the students while they are out of school. The students have

no contact with teachers and have no ability to take tests or complete other schoolwork. This leads to many of the children falling behind and struggling with their academic work. This unconstitutional failure to provide a proper education also must cease immediately.

These issues have already led to lawsuits and many Michigan circuit courts have issued injunctions and granted relief to families who initiated legal action. For example, Cheboygan County Circuit Court Judge Aaron J. Gauthier and Branch County Circuit Court Judge P. William O'Grady both issued injunctive orders granting relief similar to that being requested in this letter (see copies).

Although we are willing to do so, we would prefer not having to litigate over such clear state law violations. Therefore, we are requesting that LCHD make it clear that it is only issuing voluntary quarantine requests and the school districts make it clear they are not enforcing these voluntary requests. If LCHD wants to obtain an order, it can attempt to do so through the Livingston County Probate Court with proper notice and a hearing to families, so they have an opportunity to be heard in court before the issuance of any quarantine order.

Moreover, the school districts, as I understand it, have no policies or other authority to issue such broad 10-day quarantine orders. It should be obvious that healthy children do not need to be quarantined and there are other, less intrusive means to deal with any Covid-19 outbreaks. For example, Michigan Administrative Code Rule 325.175 applies to students with a suspected communicable disease. There is no quarantine authority granted to schools in this rule. The district can only exclude students from school for a time sufficient to determine if the child is actually infected. A Covid-19 negative test result or proof of natural immunity from prior infection would demonstrate the vast majority of children excluded from school do not currently have the virus and could return to school immediately. Further, each school district must take immediate steps to provide a substantive education to any child properly quarantined by LCHD. Some of our clients have already been quarantined for three or more 10-day periods this school year. To miss weeks of school with no proper education being provided is intolerable and must stop.

Right now, numerous families are considering commencing litigation for the above violations, and we are preparing to represent many of those families. You have the opportunity to:

- properly follow the law and stop issuing quarantine recommendations as if they are orders;
- stop the school districts' improper enforcement of unlawful quarantine orders; and
- provide a proper education to all children who are legally quarantined.

Please promptly contact my office so these issues can be resolved. If this situation is not immediately addressed, or if our clients' reasonable requests are ignored, we will have no choice but to pursue all legal remedies on behalf of our clients.

Sincerely,

David A. Kallman
Senior Legal Counsel
Great Lakes Justice Center

DAK/cas
cc: Clients

Suits in other counties recognized there was in fact a denial of due process to students by health officials in those counties. (See Circuit Court orders from Branch and Cheboygan Counties.)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BRANCH

CAMERON TORRES By His Next of Friend LYNDSEY WILLIAMS,
DONTE WORK By His Next Friend CASSANDRA BALLMAN,
KEVIN HALL By His Next Friend KEVIN HALL,
Plaintiff,

FILE NO. 21-09-475 CZ

vs

BRANCH-HILLSDALE-ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY,
HEALTH OFFICER REBECCA BURNS,
COLDWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT,
SUPERINTENDENT TERRY WHELEN

HON P. WILLIAM O'GRADY
Circuit Judge P59550

Defendant,

JAMES THOMAS P80931
Attorney for Plaintiff

Defendant(s) In Pro Per

At a session of said Court held on the 23rd of September,
2021, in the City of Coldwater, County of Branch.

PRESENT: HONORABLE P. WILLIAM O'GRADY, Circuit Judge

ORDER ON EMERGENCY MOTION FOR EX-PARTE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

This cause coming before the Court on Petitioner's Ex Parte Motion for Temporary Restraining Order and the Court having reviewed the argument of counsel, verified complaint and attached affidavits, and having considered the motion it is **THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:**

The Plaintiffs have established by affidavit and verified complaint that the Plaintiffs were not provided the fundamental rights of Due Process for an ordered quarantine. The injury being the continued loss of in person education and educational opportunities afforded within the public school system. The damages are not that are to be measured by compensation and injunctive relief is the appropriate measure to preserve the rights of the parties. That time is further of the essence for a preservation of these rights would make the complaint moot.

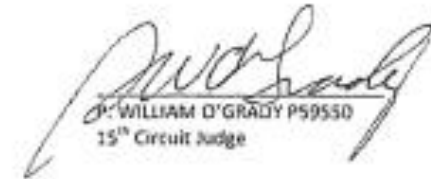
All of the Petitioners/Plaintiffs in this action are removed from any mandated quarantine and can attend school at Coldwater High School and can participate in their respective sports, classes, and other school activities without further infringement from the school administration effective this date as signed.

This order does not interfere with the Defendant's right to prevent a student that has an active infection of the COVID-19 virus or has symptoms thereof from attending any school regulated activity.

Pursuant to MCR 3.310 the matter will be set for further hearing on the petition for Preliminary Hearing on **Friday October 1, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** The date is being set pursuant to court rule and the court is amenable to adjourn to a date that be beneficial to all parties upon stipulation for the urgency of the matter plead may not be as time sensitive.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATE: September 23, 2021 4:45pm.


P. WILLIAM O'GRADY P59550
15th Circuit Judge

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHEBOYGAN
CIVIL DIVISION

GIC, by her next friend JODI CLARMONT,
and CAC, by her next friend JODI
CLARMONT,

Plaintiffs,

v

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #4;
JOSHUA MEYERSON in his capacity as its
MEDICAL DIRECTOR; and CHEBOYGAN
AREA SCHOOLS,

Defendants.

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Case No. 21-8841-CZ

Honorable Aaron J. Gauthier

STIPULATION AND FINAL ORDER

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STIPULATION

WHEREAS, the Court entered an Opinion and Order Granting In Part, and Denying In Part, Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction on April 29, 2021, but did not render a final ruling, decision, or order for or against any party to this matter as to the claims asserted in Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint and/or Amended Verified Complaint;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by the parties, by and through their respective counsel, that:

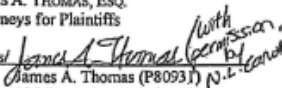
1. Defendant Joshua Meyerson shall be dismissed in the entirety and with prejudice from this matter;
2. Count III of Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint and Amended Verified Complaint, entitled "Violation of the Administrative Procedures Act MCL 24.201 et seq." shall be dismissed with prejudice as against all parties;
3. Counts I and II of Plaintiffs' Verified Complaint and Amended Verified Complaint, entitled "Statutory Violations" and "Violation of Procedural Due Process," respectively, shall be dismissed with prejudice as against Defendant Cheboygan Area Schools (initially identified improperly as "Cheboygan Area High School");
4. Defendant District Health Department #4, and its officers, agents, servants, employees, and attorneys, and any persons acting in active concern or participation with them who receive actual notice of this order by personal service or otherwise ("DHD4"), agree to refrain from issuing any quarantine notice or other written or oral communication to Plaintiffs or any persons within Cheboygan County that orders them to quarantine and refrain from any activities for any period of time. This stipulation and order shall not prevent DHD4 from conveying information to any persons that they have been in close contact with a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19 and recommending that they quarantine in their home for a specified period. This

stipulation and order shall not limit the authority, powers, and rights granted to DHD4 and/or its agents, including but not limited to its local health officer, under Michigan's Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101, et seq. ("the Public Health Code"), and/or the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, and shall specifically not prevent DHD4 and/or its agents from following the processes in the Public Health Code, including but not limited to the processes described in Parts 24 and 52 of the Public Health Code, MCL 333.2401, et seq. and MCL 333.5201, et seq., for issuance of orders related to public health;


5. No further relief shall be granted against any party in this matter, as each party shall bear her/his/its own costs and attorneys' fees; and

6. Upon entry of this Stipulation and Order, the case shall be closed.

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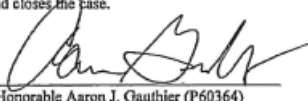
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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED. This is a final order and closes the case.

Dated: 5-19, 2021


Honorable Aaron J. Gauthier (P60364)

Finally, here is an example of the way quarantine directives were given in Allegan County, MI. Each of the MCL's that were referenced previously are all mentioned in the warning notice. (See next page)

Endless opinions can be given regarding the necessity of the warning notice, but the one thing that this notice preserves is the due process rights of the citizens. It is grounded in the law.

ALLEGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Resource Recovery
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Warning Notice

August 27, 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians [REDACTED]

The Allegan County Health Department has become aware that your son/daughter is a close contact to a COVID-19 positive individual and has determined that he/she is a "carrier", as defined by Michigan Law, of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2). Michigan Law defines "carrier" as "an individual who serves as a potential source of infection and who harbors or who the health department reasonably believes to harbor a specific infectious agent or a serious communicable disease or infection, whether or not there is present discernible disease" (MCL 333.5201(1) (a)).

You are hereby notified that you are required to cooperate with the Allegan County Health Department in efforts to prevent or control the transmission of this serious disease or infection.

If you fail to take the actions prescribed in this warning notice, the Allegan County Health Department shall petition the circuit court to seek an order to compel your compliance, which may result in you being taken into protective custody to protect the public's health (MCL 333.5205). You are further advised that, except in the case of an emergency, you have a right to a hearing before the court issues an order at which time you may be present, you may cross-examine witnesses, and you may be represented by an attorney. If you are unable to afford an attorney, the court shall appoint one for you.

Should any non-compliant behavior create an emergency situation where he/she becomes a health threat to others, an immediate court order shall be sought pursuant to Michigan Law MCL 333.5207. Upon issuance of this court order, he/she may be taken into protective custody to protect the public's health. In such event, you will then be afforded the opportunity for a hearing in circuit court within 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

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ALLEGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT-WARNING NOTICE LETTER

The Allegan County Health Department directs you to:

Notify the following designated health official(s) to report signs or symptoms of illness, as described below, for purposes consistent with monitoring disease prevalence.

Designated Health Official(s): See contacts below

Follow the instructions or methods listed below which are considered reasonable guidelines for the control of communicable disease or infection:

- Mandated-quarantine at home (stay in your home-do not go to work, school, public places, places of worship, or other people's homes). If you are a health care worker, please notify the health department, as there may be different guidance that applies to you. Do not have others over to your home while completing the quarantine period. If you have in-home services (Meals on Wheels, etc.) call and let them know you are on quarantine for being a close contact prior to them coming.
- His/Her quarantine is effective at least fourteen days after last contact with the COVID-19 positive individual. He/she has an opportunity to reduce to 10 days provided:
 - He/She does not develop any symptoms or clinical evidence of COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) infection during daily symptom monitoring for the 10 days after the last exposure; and,
 - Daily symptom monitoring continues through day 14 after the last exposure.
 - If you are employed, your employer has reviewed PUBLIC ACT 238 and MIOSHA Emergency Orders and determined you can return to work.
- If you live in the same home or are taking care of a person with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) your self-quarantine period (10-14 days) begins when the person affected with COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) enters their recovery period. This currently is defined as having had symptoms for at least ten days, an improvement of their symptoms and not having a fever (while not taking fever reducers) for at least 24 hours- whichever is the longer period. The Health Department will assist you in determining when you are able to stop quarantine. See enclosures.
- During this time, we ask you to self-assess your son/daughter for signs and symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, headache, diarrhea, sore throat, chest pain, or chills.

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ALLEGAN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT-WARNING NOTICE LETTER

- The Health Department will make contact with you. If you experience symptoms, contact your designated Health Official immediately.
 - Contact in the order below:
 1. Allegan County Health Department: (269) 673-5411 operates M-F 8a-5p
 2. Emily Warren, Office: (269) 686-4519
 3. Lisa Letts, Office: (269) 686-4535
- If he/she has a medical emergency during his/her monitoring period and call 911, please tell them that he/she is currently being quarantined by the local Health Department. If you need to access health care providers, call ahead and let them know he/she is currently being quarantined by the local Health Department. Wear a mask.
- If you have any questions or have basic needs (food, housing, etc.) that aren't being met, contact our team at (269) 673-5411.

The Allegan County Health Department fully anticipates you will voluntarily comply with the prescribed instructions in this warning notice. Additionally, your compliance is appreciated and reflects your commitment to protect your family, friends, and community to prevent or stop the spread of communicable disease. A representative of the Allegan County Health Department shall verify your compliance with any prescribed directive included in this order in a timely manner determined to best protect the health of the public.

This order is issued by:

Served by:

Angelique Joynes, MPH
RN
Public Health Officer
Allegan County Health
Department

Lisa Letts, RN BSN
Public Health Services Manager
Allegan County Health Department

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LCHD never issued a valid Public Health Order but acted as though there was one. Thousands of young citizens were denied due process and their education.

It is imperative that the members of the County Commission exert the powers they have to better oversee the LCHD. It is also imperative that we find a health director that is going to follow the law.

What happened to our children for a year and a half was unethical and unlawful. We need to ensure that this is NEVER repeated.