



What Happens When a Schuyler County Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19?



Schuyler County Public Health is notified of the result

STEP 01

When someone tests positive, they are contacted by our office and put in mandatory isolation until they are no longer considered at high risk of transmitting COVID-19 to others based on criteria set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). Our office also conducts a contact investigation (contact tracing) to identify people who may have been exposed to the virus by the person who tested positive.



STEP 02

Our office conducts contact tracing, also known as a contact investigation

For contact tracing, we work with the individual to determine where the person went and who they had contact with both while they had symptoms and during the 48 hours before their symptoms started, per CDC and NYSDOH guidance. People are considered at risk of getting COVID-19 if they are in the same household with someone with COVID-19, had direct physical contact with someone with COVID-19 or with their infectious secretions, or were within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for 10 minutes or more. Walking through the same public setting as someone who tested positive does not make someone a close contact. If someone who tested positive reports they were in a public setting and our



STEP 03

Our office contacts individuals who may have been exposed and puts them in quarantine

Any people identified as contacts of the person who tested positive will be contacted by the health department and put in quarantine at their home. They are released from quarantine once it has been 14 days since they were exposed to the person with COVID-19, unless they develop symptoms of COVID-19. Our staff conduct daily check-ins with both the individual who tested positive and their contacts to monitor their health and to check that the individuals are following the quarantine or isolation orders.

investigation reveals high risk close contact occurred, we will inform the community and provide instructions on what community members should do if they were at the location.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19



Wash your hands



Wear a face cover in public



Clean and disinfect surfaces

For more information visit <http://www.schuylercounty.us/publichealth>