

## New COVID Information

### New CDC Guidance on Quarantine

We are aware that CDC has announced new guidance about shortening quarantine in certain situations. The guidance continues to recommend a 14-day quarantine but provides frameworks for local governments to consider additional options. The MDH is reviewing the guidance and will make recommendations over the next few days. We know this is welcome for many sectors and also may not be a simple change. For the time being, schools will continue following the current guidelines to stay home for 14 days and we will provide formal updates on state guidance as soon as possible.

### COVID-19 Exposure Notification Mobile App Now Available in Minnesota

On Monday Nov. 23, the Governor announced the availability of a new COVID-19 exposure notification mobile application, COVIDaware MN, and encouraged all Minnesotans to use it. The app is aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 by helping Minnesotans protect themselves and their loved ones. The **voluntary, anonymous application** will alert a user if another user with whom they have had close contact during the virus' infectious period tests positive for COVID-19.

When Minnesotans download the app and allow notifications, COVIDaware MN generates a random, privacy-protecting key for a user's phone. To help ensure that these random keys can't be used to identify you or your location, they change every 10-20 minutes and the app does not track individuals' locations or their positions relative to one another. Using Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology, the user's phone and the phones of other users they are near anonymously exchange these privacy-protected keys. If a person receives a positive test, MDH will provide a unique code the person may enter into the app, if they choose. If they enter the code, users with whom they've been within six feet for 15 or more minutes over a 24-hour period in the past 14 days will receive a notification of an exposure and instructions from MDH on how to keep themselves and their families safe. COVIDaware MN will exchange random keys with anyone who downloads COVIDaware MN or similar applications developed by other states that use the same technology framework.

More than 20 states and territories have launched apps based on Google and Apple's exposure notification technology. More states are expected to adopt this technology as part of their COVID-19 response efforts.

Minnesotans can learn more about the app on the [COVIDaware MN website](#), and download it from the Google Play or App Store. The more individuals who download the app, the more effective the tool will be to notify Minnesotans about potential exposures.

Win-E-Mac COVID Status Chart

Win-E-Mac ISD 2609 Positive COVID-19 Case Data as of Nov 2020				
	Elementary	High School	Staff	Total
Student Positive Cases from 11/1/20 to 11/30/20	2	4	0	6
Staff Positive Cases from 11/1/20 to 11/30/20	1	0	3	4
Total Positive COVID Cases from 11/1/20 to 11/30/20	3	4	3	10

Chart 2

COVID Related Absences Nov 2020			
	Elementary PreK-6	High School 7-12	Total
Students	77	53	130
Staff	-	-	10
Teachers	3	3	6
Paras	-	-	5
Total			151

Isolation and Quarantine absences grouped together