Follow-up for Positive COVID-19 Cases and their Close Contacts

Tools for LBOHs

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We Made It! Happy New Year!
Topics Today

• MAVEN Online Status – New Ashford remains offline
• MAVEN Training Process – Lionel White and Kate Hamdan
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Tuesday Webinars for COVID-19 Case Investigation and Follow-up

Tuesdays @ 11am


MAVEN Help has Guidance Documents and Previous Webinars:

NEW! MAVEN Office Hours w/Hillary & Scott:
Fridays 11:00-12:00

- Open Q&A. Not a formal presentation.
- Send us your questions or ask us live.
- No requirement to attend. Pop in, pop out.
- You’ll need to register via Scott’s email.

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**CTC Help Desk:** 857-305-2828
**Email:** COVID19CommunityTracingCollaborativeQuestions@mass.gov
**CTC Supervisor Contact List**
**Higher Ed Contact List**
Updates for today, Tuesday, 1/5/2021

- **MAVEN Status** – one town offline
  - New Ashford

- **MAVEN Training Process Update** – Kate Hamdan and Lionel White

- **LBOH Immediate Workflow** – COVID-19 event only – please check your workflow **TODAY** and clear out the workflow

- **Workflow Review for LPH**
  - Bulk Action for COVID Assistance to Yes
    - LBOH Notification to Yes once extract happens at 10 and 2
  - LBOH Admin fields to complete
  - Cases to send to CTC

- **COVID-19 Vaccine Training Materials Posted**
  - Materials Placed on MAVEN Help
MAVEN Status Map as of 1/5/2021

- New
  Ashford
Updated MAVEN Training Process

Training
1. Request MAVEN access through online application form (bit.ly/mavenrequest)
2. You will be emailed a link for the self-paced MAVEN training video to watch on your own time

Proficiency Test
3. Once trained you will be directed to a survey to fill out to a) attest that you watched the training in full and b) you have reviewed the privacy and confidentiality procedures
4. Submit your proficiency answer key as soon as possible using the Excel spreadsheet
5. Grading turnaround time is 3 business days

MAVEN Account Creation/Reactivation
6. After you pass the proficiency, your Virtual Gateway account will be ready and activated in 3-5 business days
You are here!

Submit Request Form (3 days to process)

Watch Training and Complete Proficiency Test (on your own time)

Proficiency Test Graded by MDPH (3 business days)

Account Submitted to Virtual Gateway (3-5 business days)
DPH MAVEN TRAINING PROCESS CHECKLIST

New User Requests

☐ Request MAVEN access through the online user request form: http://bit.ly/mavenrequest
☐ If request is approved by staff, receive an email with the MAVEN training registration link
☐ Watch MAVEN training (on your own time)
☐ Once training is complete, complete the post-training survey and download the proficiency test.
☐ Email completed proficiency test in Excel format to isishelp@mies.gov
   *To ensure prompt processing of your account, please get this back to us as soon as possible, ideally before the Friday after you receive the test.
☐ Receive an email confirmation that the proficiency test was received by ISIS staff
☐ Receive an email confirmation of your proficiency test score
☐ If passed, receive an email from the Virtual Gateway with login details
   *Please note these requests can take 3-5 business days to process. Please check your spam folder for emails from the Virtual Gateway.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

• This process can take a total of 1-2 weeks depending on when the user request form is submitted.
• We are only accepting request forms for those conducting active case investigation and follow up.
• New users must have written permission from their local board of health authority to be granted MAVEN access (this can be emailed to isishelp@mies.gov)
• Once you receive access, please remember to log into MAVEN weekly or your account will be deactivated.

NEED HELP OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

• Tip sheets and other MAVEN resources are available on the MAVEN help section.
• If you have questions specific to MAVEN processes or requirements, please reach out to isishelp@mies.gov

Last updated: 12/17/20
Helpful Tips!

- DPH will only authorize individuals that are performing active case investigation, follow-up and entering data directly into MAVEN.

- Individuals must use a valid town, city or organizational e-mail address to be eligible. Personal e-mail accounts cannot be used (e.g. Gmail, Yahoo, etc.)

- If you are working for a town/city you must submit an organization email for that town or city.

- Please submit your proficiency test in excel format

- Please note that the email from the Virtual Gateway may go to your spam or junk folder depending on your email settings.
Immediate Notification workflow (COVID-19 Only)

- **UPDATE:** COVID-19 Immediate Notification Workflow - 4,801 events in this workflow this morning
  - This will allow proper notification of all new COVID-19 events for your jurisdiction. *(Confirmed and Probable Cases)*
  - Please review all events/cases in this workflow and complete your **Step 1- LBOH Notification to “Yes”** to clear out this workflow.
  - If you are retaining ownership then complete **Step 2 (Investigation Started)** & **Step 3 (LBOH Investigator (name, lboh, phone number))**
  - When you are done then complete Step 4 (Case Report Form Complete)
  - You can complete **Step 5** if you want – if not then leave blank
What does the information tool tell us....

- How often the workflow refreshes – click on the little information icon to learn more about when your workflow will reset and clear events/cases out.
- Different workflows have different refresh rates.

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LBOH Notification for Immediate Disease (COVID only)

1. Administrative - John Snow - Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)

Completing Step 1 is what removes the case from the COVID Immediate workflow.

- COVID Assistance Requested: Yes
  - Date Requested: 12/22/2020
- Step 1 - LBOH acknowledged: Yes
  - LBOH acknowledged date: 12/22/2020
LBOH keeps case and completes case investigation.
CTC does your Case Investigation

When the case comes back form CTC it will update Steps 2, 3 and 4 (investigation start date, investigator, and case report form completed)
Cases to send to CTC

- **Probable** cases, in addition to confirmed cases and contacts will now be able to be sent to the CTC
- All disease status events that can go to the CTC will now **ONLY** be sent to the CTC when:
  - COVID Assistance Requested is marked as “Yes”
  - The COVID Assistance Requested date is within the past 14 days

- Under certain circumstances, events will **NOT** be sent to the CTC from MAVEN:
  - A case (confirmed or probable event) that has been previously sent to the CTC as a confirmed or probable event will **NOT** be sent a second time
  - A contact event that has been previously sent from MAVEN to the CTC as a contact will **NOT** be sent a second time as a contact
    - Contacts may be sent to the CTC again as a Confirmed or Probable event
Cases to send to CTC

Under certain circumstances, events will **NOT** be sent to the CTC from MAVEN:

- Deduplication is not complete
- Outcome is “Died”
- Official City is missing
- Linked to a known healthcare-associated cluster (in linked events)
- The event is connected to a congregate setting and the facility type is in the following list (in risk QP 5):
  - Assisted Living Facility
  - Dialysis Facility
  - Emergency Department or Urgent Care
  - Hospital
  - Labor and Delivery
  - Long-Term Acute Care
  - Long-Term Care Facility
  - Correctional Institution
MAVEN CTC Concerns – did my case go to CTC?

- COVID Assistance is Set to Yes you will see the concern around that LBOH requested assistance (1)
- When the case is sent over to CTC the second concern will appear (2)

You can see this information in the Wizard or the ECR#8 Question Package
If **no date** then it came from CTC to MAVEN
How to Contact the Maven help desk in ISIS.
We are available M-F (9-5p.m.)

- ISIS Help Desk 617-983-6801
- ISIS Fax Number 617-983-6813
- isishelp@stato.ma.us
  (do not email names or identifying information - use the MAVEN Event ID)
- Epi-of-the-Day and Epidemiologist on Call 617-983-6800
- Maven Change Request Document (please print, complete and out fax back to ISIS to request changes, enhancements, corrections to the MAVEN database)

MAVEN Online Help

**COVID-19 Materials/Training**

**COVID-19 Vaccine Training Folder**
- December 31 COVID-19 Vaccine Training - The Moderna Supplement Presentation
- December 31 COVID-19 Vaccine Training - The Moderna Supplement Presentation Recording (1:39:30)
- COVID-19 Storage and Handling Training_Dec14 Presentation
- COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Hospital CHC Training_Dec14 Presentation
- December 14 Introduction to COVID-19 Vaccine Storage Handling Administration Training Recording (2:21:13)

**General Information**

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**
Summary of Key Guidance & Tools

- **Isolation & Quarantine Guidance Documents**

- **Date: December 7, 2020 – Occupational Exposure & Return to Work Guidance**

- **Pediatric Clinical Testing Advisory**
  - 11/25/2020 Advises Pediatricians to Test for COVID-19 in all patients with symptoms compatible with COVID, regardless of age
  - Date: 10/21/2020 COVID-19 Testing Scenarios FAQ
    - Describes different lab test results and what to do
    - Outlines discordant results and what they mean

- **10/27/2020 Updated COVID-19 Case Classification Manual**
  - Serology positive labs are now classified as “suspect” cases.
Summary of Key Guidance & Tools

• **Date: 8/22/2020: - COVID-19 PCR and Antibody Testing Public Health Response Recommendations**
  - Table describes different Public Health Actions based upon different testing results.
    - Big take home: PCR & Antigen positive patients should be treated like cases.
    - Serology + cases no longer require public health follow-up.

• **Date 8/10/2020: Follow-up for Positive Antigen Test Results**
  - [http://www.maventrainingsite.com/maven-help/pdf/Antigen%20Results%20Follow-up%20Guidance_ver1.0_August_10.pdf](http://www.maventrainingsite.com/maven-help/pdf/Antigen%20Results%20Follow-up%20Guidance_ver1.0_August_10.pdf).
Summary of Key Guidance & Tools

• **Date: 7/24/2020** - Gov. Baker issued **COVID-19 Order No. 45** which issues a mandatory 10 day quarantine period for travelers to MA (including MA residents who traveled outside of MA and are returning).
  - If travelers (including returning MA residents) don't fit into one of the 3 Exemption Categories, must quarantine.
  - There is a form to fill out online. [https://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form](https://www.mass.gov/forms/massachusetts-travel-form)
  - A negative PCR test within 72 hours of travel can excuse you from quarantine.

• **Date: Aug 16, 2020** – Updated CDC Guidance on Duration of Isolation & Precautions for Adults with COVID-19
  - 10 Day Isolation Period now has more data supporting it.
  - Ignore most additional PCR tests up to 3 months after initial illness onset.
  - No need to quarantine up to 3 months after initial illness onset.

• **Date: 8/7/2020**: Updated MA Testing Guidance
  - Update says to get a PCR with ANY Antigen test
  - Also says no need to test again in 90 days after initial diagnosis.

More Updated FAQs. Check them out!
Updates – A quick recap for Jan 6, 2021

Last Tuesday Webinar – December 22, 2020

• Reviewed how to send cases to the CTC in Bulk (via a workflow)
• Discussed the updated Travel Order (Quarantine for travelers changed from 14 to 10 days if a traveler doesn’t want to test out.)
• Reviewed some Isolation and Quarantine Reminders.
• Discussed DAYCARE Clusters follow-up expectations for LBOHs.
  • Exposures in a Childcare Facility require a Cluster Event.
    • LBOH should obtain a list of the exposed students/staff and create contact events for them.

K-12 School Nurses Webinar was held Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020


Always Remember you can see all previous webinar recordings and slides in MAVEN Help.
Travel Order Updated to 10-day Quarantine

All visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, who do not meet an exemption, are required to:

• Complete the Massachusetts Travel Form prior to arrival, unless you are visiting from a lower-risk state designated by the Department of Public Health.

• Quarantine for 10 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts.

If your COVID-19 test result has not been received prior to arrival, visitors, and residents must quarantine until they receive a negative test result.

Failure to comply may result in a $500 fine per day.

FAQs: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order#potential-other-traveler-scenarios-

• CHANGE: Went from 14 to 10-day quarantine.
• Still requires a PCR (not antigen) test.
• https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order
When to Quarantine

When we are talking about actual quarantine, there are two generally reasons one must quarantine in MA:

- **Identified as a Close Contact**: Person has had direct exposure to a confirmed case.
  - This is the clearest and highest risk for developing disease.
  - A Close Contact must quarantine for 14 days, but may reduce their Strict Quarantine based upon updated Quarantine Guidance (the 7 or 10 day options).

- **Travel Order**: People who have traveled outside of Massachusetts to a high-risk state and are now returning must comply with the Travel Order Guidance.
  - This is not the same as being identified directly as a contact, and the details of the quarantine order are different than quarantine for a Close Contact.
  - Returning travelers may choose to quarantine for 10 days or test out of quarantine. Once they have received their negative result, then at that point they can discontinue their 10-day quarantine.
K-12 School Nurses & COVID-19: Partnering with Your Local Board of Health

Date: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Webinar was hosted by MDPH epidemiologists to discuss common COVID-19 school scenarios and best practices for school nurses working with their Local Boards of Health (LBOH). This webinar is for K-12 school nurses (and interested LBOH) with the goal of ensuring good communication between schools and local health.

Addressed frequently asked questions re:

- Defining Close Contact
- Calculating Quarantine Periods
- Calculating Isolation Periods
- What information is needed by LBOHs on cases and contacts
- How to best coordinate with your LBOH

View Recording: https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/3113381935118711553
How it All Works: The Players

- There are many players involved in COVID-19 Case investigation and follow-up.
  - **MDPH – The State** (we provide guidance and manage the surveillance system)
  - **351 Local Boards of Health** (they oversee the cases in their jurisdiction)
    - **The Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC)** – Partners In Health (contracted agency to scale up case investigation and contact tracing and assist LBOHs). Many towns use their services.
    - **School Health** – works in coordination with your LBOH (and possibly the CTC) to facilitate school-related case investigation and contact tracing.
How it All Works: Surveillance

Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (MAVEN): The State Infectious Disease Surveillance & Case Management System. (Tracks about 90 reportable diseases.)

1. All labs processing SARS-CoV-2 specimens are required to report to the MA State Health Department. This is mostly through electronic lab reporting.
   - New labs generate Corona Virus Events in MAVEN and trigger follow-up by LBOH or CTC.

2. Towns (LBOHs) are responsible for follow-up on their residents. This includes:
   - Case investigation (Interview, data collection, identification of contacts)
     - Isolation Guidance for Cases
   - Contact Tracing (notification of exposures, referrals for testing, and monitoring for quarantine period)
     - Quarantine Guidance for Contacts
How it All Works: Follow-up

3. School Health may actually hear about a child faster if the family calls to report their child is a case or a contact.

- This is where you will need to close the loop with the LBOH.
  - It is reasonable to immediately collect information from the reporting parent/guardian and begin investigating possible school exposures.
    - Determining infectious period
    - Drafting lists of activities/contacts
  - Best practice is to make a final confirmation of the confirmed case with the LBOH, however, if you are unable to connect with LBOH, you can proceed with applicable notifications.
What School Nurse Should ask the Parent that Calls to Report their Child is a Case

When a Parent Calls The School

• Any Symptoms? Onset date?
• Date of Test?
• When was child last in school?
• Child’s Grade/Class
• Ride the Bus?
• Activities or Sports? (last participated dates?)
• Any other noted buddies/close contacts?
• Any Siblings in the School & their current isolation/quarantine status?

If the child is old enough, you may be able to speak to the student directly to discuss activities and buddies that should be notified.

• Use the Investigation Tool to help guide you.
• Remember, if it is clear there were no exposures at school based upon date of last attendance, you do not need to collect additional activity information.
• Remember to ask about siblings.
When a Parent Calls

- **School-Related Exposure or Non-School Community-Related Exposure?**
- **Is the Confirmed Case a household member of this student/staff member?**
  - □ YES  □ NO  □ Unk
  - Isolation Dates for Household Confirmed Case ____________________________  □ Unk
  - Is the confirmed case able to isolate separately away from this Contact?  □ YES  □ NO  □ Unk
    - Describe: ______________________________________________________________
- **Final Exposure to Case Date: __/__/____**
- **What is the Family’s Quarantine Plan for this Contact?**
  - □  Negative Test, No Symptoms, & 7 Day Option
  - □  No Symptoms & 10 Day Option
  - □  14 Day Standard Quarantine (required if any symptoms are experienced)
- **Contact May Return to School Beginning Date __/__/____**
The Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC)

- It may be the CTC is taking the lead or is contacting you regarding a student or staff member.

- The CTC is under the jurisdiction of the LBOH, so CTC will be following up on any cases referred to them by the LBOH. The CTC then helps those cases determine isolation periods and ensure the contacts are successfully in quarantine.

- Discuss with your LBOH a proper process for information sharing so the LBOH can give appropriate guidance to the CTC for your town’s cases.
What Info A School Nurse Should Give LBOH

• The LBOH should eventually receive a positive lab report and be the primary investigator on a confirmed case, but in this surge, it is very possible the school may be the primary touch point with the student and their family.

• **Information the school collects should be reported to the LBOH. This includes:**
  - **Confirming demographics (and guardian information)**
    • Sometimes school will have the best contact info and already have a list of household contacts because they know these families.
  - **Symptom and Testing Info**
    • LBOH will have official test reports (Eventually), but a school’s early report from the family will help to determine infectious period (Which DEPENDS on symptom onset and test date).
  - **Information on ability to successfully Isolate/Quarantine (home cases & contacts)**
  - **List of exposed close contacts from the school setting.**
    • Names, DOB, Address & Phone Number
    • We want to officially document these contacts and their outcomes in our surveillance system.
What Info Should the School Give to School Contacts?

- There are template letters schools can adjust for their school and setting:
  - **Close Contact Letter** letting a contact know they have been identified as a contact and outlining their dates of exposure and quarantine options.
  - **General Notification Letter** letting school community members know there has been a case in the school, but they are NOT a contact (contacts have been notified separately) and outlining mitigation and safety measures being taken by the school administration.
    - Use your judgement regarding this second letter. It may not always be necessary, however you know your school community.
  - Template Letters are available through the DESE Communications Toolkit, as well as template letters that MDPH provides through LBOHs.
### Options for Shortened Strict Quarantine Period

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12/7/2020 – Occupational Exposure & Return to Work Guidance

https://www.mass.gov/doc/return-to-work-guidance/download

12/7/2020 Update
COVID Isolation Calculation Tool

- Two page tool to help you investigate a case in a student/staff member.
- Helps to calculate Infectious Period
- Identify school exposures
- Calculate when case may return to school

This is just a tool to help guide your work. You can use it and/or adjust it as you see fit.

*Thanks to Linda Leonard (Martha’s Vineyard) for sharing her own tools to inspire these.
COVID Quarantine Calculation Tool

- Two page tool to help you track quarantine period in a student/staff member.
- Helps to calculate different quarantine options
- Calculate when case may return to school
- This is just a tool to help guide your work. You can use it and/or adjust it as you see fit.

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Testing Guidance to Test Children

Stronger Clinical Guidance to Test Children – even if they are not severely ill.

• Many LBOHs (and schools and daycares) have been frustrated by the traditional approach of pediatricians to not over test in situations where children have mild illness.
  • Global Pandemic has changed this recommended approach.

• So here is at least one more tool you can provide should anyone be seeking official wording that pediatricians should test a child for COVID even if they are not inclined to normally.

Can Children be “Presumed” Positive?

Some pediatricians have provided guidance to families with a confirmed case in the household that they should just assume the children in the household are positive and the children can isolate with the parents and do not need to be tested themselves.

• **When a child is not tested, there are potential drawbacks:**
  
  • **We do not know for sure** that a child’s cold or other symptoms are reflective of COVID-19 without a test.
  
  • **It makes timing for isolation tricky.** If the child doesn’t actually become infected for a while into their parent’s isolation, we may be sending the child back to school or care too quickly (while the child is still in THEIR OWN 10 day infectious period).
  
  • **No documented laboratory confirmation may present challenges** for the child in the future.

    • If they have never been confirmed, they do not have a 3 month grace period and may need to quarantine in the near future if identified as a contact.
    
    • They may also need to isolate again if they have a future positive test, as it will be the first official confirmation of their illness (even if they are just PCR positive for a while from their initial infection).
Classroom Exposures – Working With Teachers

- It may be that you need to work with a teacher to identify close contacts in a classroom (particularly in younger grades).
  - This should only be on a need to know basis for the purposes of public health.
    - How well did the child maintain social distancing?
    - Do they stay in their seat?
    - Is there a best buddy that should be identified as an obvious close contact?
    - Any other contacts of note?

- In older grades, the student themselves is likely the best historian for identifying close contacts.
  - Hallway and locker buddies
  - Activities, etc.
Vaccines

Extremely helpful FAQ that you should be familiar with:

- **Provider focused FAQ:** [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions-vaccine-providers](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions-vaccine-providers)

- **Information for providers:** [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-information-for-providers](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-information-for-providers)

- **General FAQ:** [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-frequently-asked-questions)

- **COVID email box** *(COVID-19-Vaccine-Plan-MA@mass.gov)*
  - Who can vaccinate
  - Who can get vaccine
  - Vaccine prioritization
  - Where to get vaccinated
  - How ‘x’ group will get vaccinated
Vaccines

• **COVID-19 Vaccine Locations for First Responders** [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-locations-for-first-responders](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-vaccine-locations-for-first-responders)

• **Please note:** 911 Dispatchers have been added to the first responder list.

• **Vaccine Phase 2 Priority Group Adjustment:** The Commonwealth updated its Vaccine Distribution plan so that individuals age 75+ are included in Phase 2, Group 1, along with individuals of all ages with 2+ comorbidities [https://www.mass.gov/info-details/when-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine#phase-2-](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/when-can-i-get-the-covid-19-vaccine#phase-2-).

• This list will be updated Tuesdays @5pm with responses to the questions submitted above.
Vaccines


- CDC Post Vaccine Considerations for Residents, December 13, 2020 Infection prevention and control considerations for residents of long-term care facilities with systemic signs and symptoms following COVID-19 vaccination.
New MAVEN Help DOCUMENTS!!!!

**NEW Daycare/School Resources Folder!**
- LBOH Daycare Cluster Follow-up Guidance Document
- School Nurse Webinar
- School Isolation & Quarantine Calculation Tools
- Generic Program Isolation & Quarantine Calculation Tools
- Sports FAQs & Hockey Exposure Template Letter