



**Health Department**

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Yesterday Massillon City Schools made the decision to return all Gorrell Elementary School students to remote learning beginning Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. With approximately half of the school's students quarantined due to being a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, the closure is in the best interest of both the students' education and public health.

Those who have been in contact at Gorrell with someone who is a confirmed case of COVID-19 have been notified by their local health department of their potential exposure. The Massillon City Health Department will continue working with the Massillon City School District Administration and Staff to provide guidance and address any concerns from the District or the public.

At this time, we are asking for your cooperation. We're asking that if you receive a phone call from one of our contact tracers you assist them by providing the information that they need to do their job. When they call you, they will ask if you are experiencing symptoms, they will provide you with information about isolation and quarantine, and they will answer any questions that you have about COVID-19 testing. A contact tracer will **never** ask for your social security number, financial information like your bank or credit card number, your immigration status, and your cell phone is never tracked and a GPS location is not followed.

If you have any questions please contact our Nursing Division at (330)830-1714.

Thank you,

Terri Argent  
Health Commissioner