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Health Department Returns to 10-Day Quarantine for Covid-19

Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon Counties, MI – Effective immediately, the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department (WUPHD) is recommending a return to a 10-day active monitoring or quarantine period for close contacts. The decision to reduce the quarantine period is in line with state and federal guidelines and will offer consistency across the upper peninsula.

“The WUPHD has seen a decrease in cases for the majority of counties in our district and vaccination rates are close to 50%”, said Kate Beer, Health Officer for WUPHD. “The reduced quarantine time also takes into account concerns voiced from local schools, parents, and business owners regarding the burden of complying with a 14-day quarantine period.”

Close contacts can return to normal activities after the 10-day period, however, they should continue to monitor symptoms up to 14 days from their last contact with an infected person. The new recommendation will apply retroactively to people currently in quarantine.

People who are two weeks past their completed Covid-19 vaccination series do not need to quarantine.

For additional information, including what symptoms to look for or to schedule a vaccination appointment, please visit www.wuphd.org.

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