

MACOMB COUNTY FOC COVID-19 CUSTODY/PARENTING TIME GUIDE

Co-Parenting can be tough. The COVID-19 pandemic makes co-parenting even tougher.

The Macomb County FOC suggests that Both Parents:

- **Follow** the Court's orders AND
- **Be Flexible** taking into account the entire family (mom, dad, and children) AND
- **Communicate** with each other

Positive COVID tests & COVID Quarantines

IF EITHER PARTY LEARNS THAT THEIR CHILD, A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, OR A PERSON THE FAMILY IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH:

- Has tested positive for COVID-19, or
- Has been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, or
- Has been told by a health professional to test for COVID-19

THAT PARTY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE OTHER PARENT AND THEN BOTH PARENTS SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL ACTION BY TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, INCLUDING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND/OR CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) REGARDING PARENTING TIME.

If a positive COVID-19 test or quarantine interferes with the regular parenting time schedule, the Macomb County FOC suggests that Both Parents:

- Work together to determine what is in their child(ren)'s best interests
- Work together to determine if parenting time happens as ordered
- Work together to determine when make-up parenting time will happen if parenting time as ordered is not able to occur

If the parties are unable to work together and figure out the situation and if parenting time is denied, the parent denied parenting time may contact the Macomb County FOC by submitting a completed [Parenting Time Complaint form](#) or sending an email to the Macomb County FOC at friendofthecourt@macombgov.org providing details about what happened (when parenting time was denied; for how long parenting time was denied; etc.). The Macomb County FOC will then review the situation and notify both parents in writing about make-up parenting time.

Resources

- Michigan Legal Help: <https://michiganlegalhelp.org/>
- Macomb County Health Department: <https://health.macombgov.org/Health-Home>
- Michigan Coronavirus information: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/>
- Legal Aid: https://www.michbar.org/public_resources/legalaid
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- FAQ about Custody and Parenting Time:
https://courts.michigan.gov/Administration/SCAO/Resources/Documents/COVID-19/CustodyPT-FAQ.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3MCQ7ht1QGrgi_8TyZY50pwf4eEvDu2kVIRRKSEzr5qsRA4w0bj_SHUGO

Please visit the [Parenting Time Enforcement section](#) on our website for further information regarding enforcement help offered by our Parenting Time Enforcement Division.