

How does contact tracing work?

STEP 1 Self-Report

After School Matters is notified of a COVID-19 positive test result by a parent/guardian, staff or the local health department using the [ASM COVID-19 Self-Reporting form](#) or by calling the ASM Contact Tracing Hotline at 312-768-5198. Specifically for COVID-19, we look at those who have been in close contact with an individual who's tested positive. We define close contact as within six feet of the positive person for 15 minutes or longer during a single day- this is with or without a mask.

It is important that all Individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 self-report using the [ASM COVID-19 Self-Reporting form](#). If the person is a minor, parents or legal guardian may submit this form on their behalf. ASM cannot act on the basis or hearsay, speculation, or second hand COVID-19 reports. The investigation process begins only when ASM receives the self-report of a COVID-19 positive case in the specified way.



STEP 2 Intake Interview

ASM Contact Tracer will begin an investigation to "trace" and determine possible exposures to the COVID-19 positive case- this includes determining if the ill individual was in an ASM facility (Lutz, Millennium Park Tent, Gately) during their contagious period (two days prior to onset of symptoms or positive test if asymptomatic), and what individuals were in close contact with them.



STEP 3 Notifications

ASM Contact Tracing Team will analyze the specific details of each investigation, and a Tracer will notify via email anyone present onsite in the building during the contagious period of a positive individual. Those identified as close contacts will be advised to quarantine at home even if they do not have symptoms. Individuals will receive basic public health advice and quarantine guidance. People advised to quarantine must remain in quarantine for 14 days, even if they have a negative test. You may also receive a call from the Chicago Department of Public Health as part of the city's contact tracing program.



STEP 4 Close Contacts Quarantine

While in quarantine, teens may switch to remote learning or receive a project from their instructor to safely continue participating in the program.



SELF-REPORT TO HELP SLOW THE SPREAD!

If you are in person at an ASM facility (Lutz, Millennium Park Tent, Gately) and test positive for COVID, please fill out our [ASM Self-Reporting form](#).