

**COVID-19 Weekly Healthcare Provider Update Compilation:  
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**Purpose:** The purpose of this weekly publication is to provide healthcare providers in New York State with a consolidated update of guidance released by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) related to the COVID-19 pandemic response. This will show only current guidance for any given topic and will be updated to reflect new guidance.

As a reminder, all advisories and informational messages (including webinar invitations) are distributed through the Integrated Health Alerting Network System (IHANS), an application housed on the [Health Commerce System \(HCS\)](#). If you are not receiving IHANS notifications, please work with your site's HCS coordinator. Additional COVID-19 resources may be found on the NYSDOH webpage under [Information for Healthcare Providers](#).

Recordings of COVID-19 [Weekly Healthcare Provider Updates](#) are also available on the NYSDOH webpage.

Guidance/Health Advisory Topic	Link(s)	Date
Testing/ Specimen Collection	<a href="#">NYSDOH COVID-19 Testing Webpage</a>	
	<b>NEW GUIDANCE</b> <a href="#">Interim Recommendations for Use of SARS-CoV-2 Molecular Tests During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency</a>	10/19/20
	<a href="#">ID NOW COVID-19 Assay Testing in an Outbreak/High Prevalence Area</a>	10/19/20
	<a href="#">Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 Assay Frequently Asked Questions for Health Care Providers</a>	10/19/20
	<a href="#">Additional Capacity Guidance (Collection, triage, treatment)</a>	3/19/20
	<a href="#">Specimen Collection and Handling to Allow NP and Saliva Specimen</a>	4/01/20
	<a href="#">Wadsworth Specimen Collection, Handling and Transport</a>	4/01/20
	<a href="#">Updated Infectious Disease Requisition Form</a>	4/09/20
	<a href="#">Updated Infectious Disease Requisition Guidance</a>	4/09/20
	<a href="#">Private Practice Collection Guidance</a>	4/19/20
	<a href="#">The NYSDOH Wadsworth Center's Assay for SARS-CoV-2 IgG FAQ</a>	4/20/20
	<a href="#">Serology Testing</a>	4/30/20
	<a href="#">Specimen Collection Training for Unlicensed Individuals</a>	5/15/20
	<a href="#">Authorization of Licensed Pharmacists to Order COVID-19 Tests</a>	5/15/20
	<a href="#">SARS-CoV-2 Diagnostic Testing FAQ</a>	5/15/20
<a href="#">COVID-19 Testing Next Steps</a>	5/12/20	
<a href="#">Revised Interim Guidance: Protocol for COVID-19 Testing Applicable to All Health Care Providers and Local Health Departments</a>	7/2/20	
Infection Control and PPE	<a href="#">Requests for PPE should go through your county OEM</a>	3/23/20
	<a href="#">PPE Shortage Guidance</a>	4/02/20

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	<a href="#">Optimizing PPE (CDC)</a>	4/22/20
	<a href="#">Infection Control Guidance (CDC)</a>	4/24/20
<b>Quarantine/ Isolation/Travel</b>	Guidance for <a href="#">Local Health Departments</a> highlighting definitions and situations for quarantine and isolation.	4/07/20
	<a href="#">Precautionary Quarantine, Mandatory Quarantine, and Isolation</a>	4/16/20
	<a href="#">Discontinuation of Isolation for Patients with COVID-19 who are Hospitalized, in Nursing Homes, or in Other Congregate Settings</a>	4/19/20
	<a href="#">Symptom-Based Strategy to Discontinue Home Isolation for Persons with COVID-19</a>	5/30/20
	<a href="#">New York State Department of Health and New York State Department of Labor Guidance on Use of COVID-19 Sick Leave for Health Care Employers</a>	6/25/20
	<a href="#">Revised Protocols for Personnel in Healthcare and Other Direct Care Settings to Return to Work Following COVID-19 Exposure or Infection</a>	7/24/20
	<b>NEW GUIDANCE</b> <a href="#">COVID-19 Travel Advisory Webpage</a>	
	<a href="#">Interim Guidance for Individuals Traveling To New York State for Medical Treatment</a>	11/9/20
<b>Exposure</b>	<a href="#">Contact of a Contact Guidance</a>	3/15/20
	<a href="#">Contact Tracing Guidance</a>	4/08/20
	<a href="#">COVID-19 and the Use of Cloth Face Coverings</a>	4/17/20
	<a href="#">Contact Tracing Tool for People Being Tested for COVID-19</a>	5/14/20
<b>Elective Surgery</b>	<a href="#">Updated Guidance for Resumption of Non-Essential Elective Surgeries and Non-Urgent Procedures in Hospitals, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Office Based Surgery Practices and Diagnostic and Treatment Centers</a>	6/14/20
<b>Telehealth</b>	<a href="#">Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement</a>	3/27/20
	<a href="#">Telehealth Resources (American College of Physicians)</a>	4/20/20
<b>Obstetrics/ Pediatrics</b>	<a href="#">Pregnancy Resources</a>	3/21/20
	<a href="#">Academy of Breastfeeding Statement</a>	3/10/20
	<a href="#">Sexual and Reproductive Health Services</a>	4/7/20
	<a href="#">Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Guidance (CDC)</a>	4/15/20
	<a href="#">Information for Pediatric Health Providers (CDC)</a>	4/17/20
	<a href="#">Childhood Inflammatory Disease Related to COVID-19</a>	
	<a href="#">Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome Potentially Associated with Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) In Children</a>	5/06/20
	<a href="#">Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome Interim Case Definition</a>	5/13/20
	<a href="#">Pre-K to Grade 12 COVID-19 Toolkit</a>	9/30/20

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	<a href="#">Interim Guidance on Mandatory COVID-19 Testing in Public and Non-Public Schools Located in Areas Designated as “Yellow Zones” Under the New York State Cluster Action Initiative</a>	10/9/20
	<a href="#">Guidance for School Administrators Regarding Limited Temporary Enforcement of Student Immunization Requirement</a>	10/12/20
	<b>NEW GUIDANCE</b> <a href="#">Updated Guidance for School Administrators Regarding Limited Temporary Enforcement of Student Immunization Requirement</a>	11/10/20
	<a href="#">ADDENDUM to Interim Guidance on Mandatory COVID-19 Testing in Public and Non-Public Schools Located in Areas Designated as “Yellow Zones” Under the New York State Cluster Action Initiative</a>	11/12/20
	<a href="#">ADDITIONAL ADDENDUM to Interim Guidance on Mandatory COVID-19 Testing in Public and Non-Public Schools Located in Areas Designated as “Yellow Zones” Under the New York State Cluster Action Initiative</a>	11/14/20
HIV Providers	<a href="#">Novel Coronavirus and People with HIV</a>	3/20/20
Mental Health Resources	<a href="#">Managing Stress and Anxiety</a>  <a href="#">OMH COVID-19 Guidance Documents</a>	3/16/20
HCP Training	The CDC launched a healthcare <a href="#">professional training site</a> .	4/07/20
Medicaid Providers	<a href="#">Guidance for Medicaid Providers</a>	4/20/20
Outpatient Care Settings and Immunizations	<a href="#">Ambulatory Care Setting Guidance (CDC)</a>	4/07/20
	CDC recommendations related to <a href="#">pediatric</a> and <a href="#">adult</a> immunizations.	4/03/20
	<a href="#">Ensuring Access to Health Care Services During COVID-19</a>	5/19/20
	<a href="#">Supplement to Interim Guidance for Office-Based Work During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for Health-Care Facilities and their Office Site</a>	7/22/20
Treatment/Therapeutic	NYS Medicaid Prescriber Education Program <a href="#">COVID-19 Drug Topics</a>	3/30/20
	<a href="#">CDC Information on Investigational Therapeutics (CDC)</a>	4/25/20
	<a href="#">FDA Warning on Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine Outside of Hospital or Clinical Trial due to Heart Rhythm Problems (FDA)</a>	4/24/20
	<a href="#">NIH Treatment Guidelines</a>	5/12/20