An Update for NYS Healthcare Providers on COVID-19

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Agenda

• Global, National, New York State Updates
• Community Mitigation, Clusters, and Containment
• Travel Advisory
• Point of Care COVID-19 Test Reporting
• NYS DOH Vaccination Program Updates
• Resources
• Q & A
• Recordings will be available immediately: NYSDOH COVID-19 Healthcare Provider website

• In addition to YouTube, an on-demand version of our weekly sessions for healthcare providers in NYS is now available as a podcast – search NYSDOH
Disclaimer

• The situation is rapidly evolving, as is our understanding of this new virus.

• All of the information presented is based on our best knowledge as of today.
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Figure 1: Number of COVID-19 cases reported weekly by WHO Region, and global deaths, as of 1 November 2020**
Situation Summary: COVID-19 Global - 11/1/2020
www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports

Age Distribution Over Time - Cases

Figure 3: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 cases by age by epidemiological week reported, combined data from WHO Case Report Form and Weekly Aggregate Surveillance Systems as of 18 October 2020 (n = 18 156 074).
Situation Summary: COVID-19 Global - 11/1/2020
www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports

Age Distribution Over Time - Fatalities

Figure 4: Distribution of confirmed COVID-19 deaths by age by epidemiological week reported, combined data from WHO Case Report Form and Weekly Aggregate Surveillance Systems as of 18 October 2020 (n = 459,943).
United States COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by State

- **TOTAL CASES**: 9,357,245 (183,427 New Cases)
- **CASES IN LAST 7 DAYS PER 100K**: 26.1
- **TOTAL DEATHS**: 231,988 (+1,095 New Deaths)

US COVID-19 Case Rate Reported to the CDC in the Last 7 Days, by State/Territory (cases per 100K)
CDC COVID Data Tracker
Case Rate Last 7 Days (Nov 4, 2020)
Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center
NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker (Nov 3, 2020)
Found at: NYSDOH COVID-19 website

Statewide

Total Persons Tested
15,034,157

Total Tested 11/03
133,534

Total Tested Positive
515,815

Sex Distribution of Positive Cases
Female 49.1%
Male 50.0%
Unknown 0.9%

New Positives 11/03
2,126
NYSDOH COVID-19 Tracker (Nov 3, 2020)

Found at: NYSDOH COVID-19 website
### Percentage Positive Results By Region Dashboard

#### Test Results - Yesterday

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<tr>
<th>Region</th>
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<td>92</td>
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<td>5,631</td>
<td>152</td>
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NYS COVID-19 Healthcare Utilization (Nov 3, 2020)

- Increases in COVID-associated hospitalization, ICU, and intubation numbers

- Currently hospitalized for COVID-19: 1,253 (increased by 26)

- Current ICU: 284 (increased by 16)
  - Current Intubation: 129 (increased by 9)

- Cumulative discharges: 80,109

- Deaths: 14
Community Mitigation Strategies
Early Warning Monitoring Dashboard

New cases per 100K (7-day Rolling Avg)
Daily Hospitalization Summary by Region

NYS Daily Hospitalization Summary by Region
# NYS Cluster Action Initiative

## NYS Micro-Cluster Strategy

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<td>10 people maximum, indoors and outdoors</td>
<td>25 people maximum, indoors and outdoors</td>
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<td>House of Worship</td>
<td>Lesser of: 25% of maximum capacity, 10 people</td>
<td>Lesser of: 33% of maximum capacity, 25 people</td>
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<td>Businesses</td>
<td>Non-essential businesses are closed</td>
<td>Certain high-risk non-essential businesses (e.g., gyms, fitness centers and classes, barber shops, hair salons, personal care services) are closed.</td>
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<td>Dining</td>
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<td>Indoor and outdoor dining permitted, 4 person maximum per table</td>
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<td>Schools</td>
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<td>Remote-only</td>
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<td>Mandatory weekly testing of students and school personnel, in accordance with DOH guidance to be issued by October 9, 2020.</td>
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*Schools may reopen if they follow new guidelines that require mass testing in schools before they reopen followed by vigilant symptom and exposure screening conducted daily. See new guidelines.
The positivity rate in the "micro-cluster" focus areas fell to 2.69 percent yesterday.

- Range of percent positivity in red and orange zones from 11/3: 0.88% yesterday to 4.5%

The statewide positivity rate excluding these areas was 1.4%.
NYS Cluster Action Initiative – Residential Congregate Facilities

Residential congregate facilities include:

- Nursing homes, Adult care facilities and Adult homes, Pediatric skilled nursing facilities
- Facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities (OPWDD run, licensed or regulated homes)
- Facilities for individuals affected by substance use (OASAS run, licensed, or regulated facilities)
- Facilities for individuals in receipt of mental health services (OMH run, licensed or regulated facilities)
- Residential treatment centers (OCFS run, licensed, or regulated facilities)
- Juvenile justice facilities and Correctional facilities
- Hospitals

NYS Health Advisory - Red/Orange Zone Residential Congregate Facility Visitation (Oct 23, 2020)
NYS Cluster Initiative – Residential Congregate Facilities

Red Zones

• All visitation is suspended located in red zones, except for in the following instances: compassionate care (including end of life/hospice situations), medically or clinically necessary (i.e. visitor is essential to the care of the patient), accompanying a minor in a pediatric facility, labor/delivery/post-partum care, necessary legal representatives, and essential companions to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or with cognitive impairments, including dementia

Orange Zones

• Visitation shall be suspended at a residential congregate facility in an orange zone if a staff member or resident in the facility has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, except for reasons listed above
New Guidance

• Offers an option to open schools in a red or orange zone

• Schools must first:
  1. Remain closed for at least 4 calendar days after the zone designation is announced and may re-open as early as the 5th calendar day after the zone is designated.

   AND

  2. Ensure that no person may attend in-person on the campus without first receiving a negative test result, this applies to faculty/staff as well as students.
After a school reopens in a red or orange micro-cluster zone symptom and exposure screening must be conducted daily and must follow the below guidelines:

• Each week the 25% of the school population tested must be composed of unique individuals who have not previously been tested for the surveillance screening.

• If the school continues to be within a red or orange zone for more than 5 weeks, upon the fifth week of weekly testing the individuals who composed the 25% the first week of testing should be tested again.

• If the 25% random sampling generates 9 or more positive cases, or if for a sample size of more than 300 weekly tests, achieves a positivity rate of 2% or higher (6 cases or more depending on size) in New York City, or 3% (9) outside of the city, of one such discrete sample, then the school will be required to close (return to remote learning mode).
Testing

To ensure that students, faculty and staff have been tested for COVID-19, schools have the following options:

• Accept written test results from healthcare providers;
• Inform students, faculty, and/or staff of test sites run by New York State to have specimens collected for testing;
• Establish partnerships with other entities who are authorized to perform testing;
• Schools that currently have a **limited-service laboratory (LSL)** registration can add COVID-19 rapid test to their existing LSL registration, request to receive rapid tests from the state at no cost and perform testing for their students, faculty, and staff; or
• Schools can become approved to perform testing by obtaining an LSL registration and once approval is granted, request to receive rapid tests from the state and perform testing for their students, faculty, and staff.

• Questions on amending or obtaining an LSL and requests for test kits should be sent to Covid19rapidtest@health.ny.gov
Testing

- New York State will provide rapid test kits upon request.
- The schools must provide trained personnel (with necessary laboratory permits) to conduct the tests, and all results must be entered into the Electronic Clinical Lab Reporting System (ECLRS) and reported on the school survey to the NYS COVID-19 Report Card.
- Consistent with existing requirements, any testing conducted through schools, in partnership with other health care entities, must also be reported separately through the school dashboard survey and to ECLRS, including all rapid point-of-care testing.
NYS Travel Advisory Updates

- This updates the previously issued Oct 8, 2020 guidance for Travelers Arriving in New York State Following Out of State Travel
- Travel advisory for anyone coming to New York after travel to states that are not contiguous to New York, or after travel to any CDC Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Health Notice country
- Any non-essential travel continues to be strongly discouraged
- Any travelers from non-contiguous states or CDC Level 2 or 3 travel health notice countries shall quarantine for a period of 14 days, consistent with Department of Health regulations for quarantine, unless:

  1. For travelers who traveled outside of New York for more than 24 hours, such travelers must obtain testing within 72 hours prior to arrival in New York

AND

2. Such travelers must, upon arrival in New York, quarantine according to Department of Health guidelines, for a minimum of three days, measured from time of arrival, and on day 4 may seek a diagnostic test to exit quarantine.

NYS Interim Guidance for Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arrives in NYS (Nov. 3, 2020)
NYS Travel Advisory Updates

- For travelers that meet the criteria above, the traveler may exit quarantine upon receipt of the second negative test result.
- Contiguous states are Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont. Travelers from these states are not subject to this guidance.
- Travelers who leave NYS for less than 24 hours do not need to obtain a diagnostic test before departing and do not need to quarantine upon return.
  - However, such travelers must fill out the traveler form upon entry and must obtain a diagnostic test on the 4th day after arrival in New York.
- All applies whether or not the individual is a NYS resident.
- All traveling to NYS from non-contiguous states or Level 2 or 3 counties must fill out the traveler health form on entry to NYS.
  - Note: penalties imposed on individuals who fail to complete the form.
NYS Travel Advisory Updates – Essential Workers

- Exceptions are permitted for essential workers coming from a non-contiguous state or Level 2 or 3 country
  - Short term (less than 12 hrs) and medium term (less than 36 hrs): must avoid public places, monitor, social distance, wear masks, etc.
  - Long term (greater than 36 hrs): Essential workers must seek diagnostic testing for COVID-19 on day 4 after arriving

- NOTE: THIS DOES NOT APPLY to exposure (close or proximate contact) to a person with COVID-19. Previous return to work and quarantine guidance applies in those circumstance

- NOTE: THIS DOES NOT APPLY FOR teachers, school employees and child care workers
  - Teachers, school employees, and child care workers must quarantine for a minimum of 3 days after returning to New York from a designated state or country due to the nature of education and child care services and the risk and difficulty of adherence to the guidelines that govern such exemptions, and must be tested on day 4 after arriving
  - Although such workers are essential, the travel advisory exemption for essential workers does not apply to teachers, school employees, or child care workers, due to the sensitivity of these congregate settings
NYS Travel Advisory Updates

• If you have a health care procedure or appointment scheduled in New York that cannot be postponed, you (and your support person/companion) may travel to the extent necessary to maintain that appointment but must otherwise remain quarantined

FAQs:

• Does the essential worker test at day 4 post return only? The NYSDOH prior essential worker guidance required a test within 24 hours.
  – Yes, test at 4 days after return. No longer need to test at 24 hours, though some industries or employers may still prefer to do so.

• Is the essential worker allowed to work during the days of quarantine before day 4 test is resulted?
  – Yes, but they must quarantine in the community until the day 4 test is resulted negative.
NYS Travel Advisory Updates

FAQs:

- **Is the essential worker expected to quarantine outside of work for the remaining days until day 14 as the stated in the May 30th guidance states?**
  - No, they may ‘test-out’ of the quarantine after the day 4 (post arrival in NYS) test is negative.

- **Additionally there is confusion regarding Level 2 and level 3 countries as to whether return from a CDC Level 2/3 country has the ‘Test-out” option?**
  - Yes, they can test-out or quarantine for 14 days, similar to the non-contiguous state travelers.

- **Can someone ‘test-out’ of quarantine after exposure to a known COVID-19 case?**
  - No. This is a higher risk situation. They can be tested, but must still quarantine for 14 full days after last exposure, regardless of a negative test result.
Seasonal Celebration/Halloween Guidance
CDC – Holiday Guidance

Things to consider or advise patients as the holidays approach:

- **Community levels of COVID-19** – Consider viewing a local health department webpage or state dashboard.
- **Location of the gathering** – Outdoor gatherings are preferred over indoor.
- **Duration of the gathering**
- **Number of people at the gathering** – More people, less social distancing.
- **Locations attendees are traveling from** – Gatherings with attendees who are traveling from different places.
- **Behaviors of attendees prior to the gathering** – Encourage social distancing (staying at least 6 feet apart), mask wearing, hand washing, and other prevention behaviors.
- **Behaviors of attendees during the gathering** – Gatherings with more preventive measures.

Risk stratification:
Seasonal Celebrations

More guidance to come…

NYSDOH COVID-19 Seasonal Celebrations website
COVID-19 Vaccine
COVID-19 Vaccine

• Before NYSDOH will recommend a COVID-19 vaccine, the DOH and an expert independent advisory group will be reviewing the vaccine studies and other information related to the vaccine(s) from the FDA, CDC, ACIP, and other independent entities

• Clinical Advisory Task Force comprised of leading medical and science experts to review every vaccine authorized by Federal Government for distribution

• Vaccine Distribution and Implementation Task Force charged with preparing for administration of approved COVID-19 vaccine in New York State

• Vaccine allocation scenarios planning is underway

• Be proactive! Get set up in NYSIIS
  • Please complete this survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HQYPCPQ) if you are a provider located in NYS, outside of New York City, and are interested in administering COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available OR in receiving supplemental publicly-funded seasonal influenza vaccines for adults
  • Email address: NYSIIS@health.ny.gov
"While results of phase 3 trials for multiple candidate vaccines are on the near horizon, ‘low tech’ tools to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 are essential, and it must be emphasized that these interventions will still be needed after a vaccine is initially available."
COVID-19 Webinars
Dr. Erick Eiting an Emergency Department physician at Mt. Sinai Downtown will share his experience from the first days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Registration Link: https://mssny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yf0UnVLvTmyed7PiJsvTpA
COVID-19 Healthcare Capacity and Response

- Updated Travel Advisory
- Updates on Point of Care COVID-19 Test Reporting
- NYS DOH Vaccination Program Updates

New York State's COVID-19 Vaccination Program
COVID-19 Resources
COVID Alert NY is a voluntary, anonymous, exposure-notification smartphone app.

You will get an alert if you were in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19.

Knowing about a potential exposure allows you to self-quarantine immediately, get tested and reduce the potential exposure risk to your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others.

The more people who download COVID Alert NY, the more effective it will be.

Help protect your community while maintaining your privacy.

The free mobile apps—available to anyone 18 or older who lives, works, or attends college in New York or New Jersey—are available for download from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. COVID Alert NY is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Bengali, Korean, Russian and Haitian Creole.

Download the free app to your smartphone to receive an alert if you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
Influenza Update 2020 - 2021: Avoiding the Twindemic

Originally presented on September 24, 2020

Speaker:
Litjen (LJ) Tan, MS, PhD
Co-Chair, National Adult and Influenza Immunization Summit, and
Chief Strategy Officer, Immunization Action Coalition
St. Paul, MN

https://www.albany.edu/cphce/vaccinateny_webinar_2020-09-23.shtml
NYSDOH Supporting Well-Being in COVID & Beyond

Kerri Palamara, MD

Archived webinar:
NYSDOH Supporting HCP Well-Being in COVID & Beyond webinar
NYSDOH Supporting HCP Well-Being in COVID & Beyond SlideSet
Are you struggling with everyday life stressors?

MSSNY’s P2P Supporters are here to help

Any physician, resident or medical student who wishes to relate to a peer supporter may contact the Medical Society of the State of New York in the following ways:

- Email: P2P@mssny.org
- Phone 1-844-P2P-PEER (1-844-727-7337)

Support, Empathy & Perspective
Healthcare Provider/Physician Wellness

• The state is partnering with the Kate Spade New York Foundation and Crisis Text Line to provide a 24/7 emotional support service for frontline healthcare workers
  
  Text NYFRONTLINE to 741-741 to access these emotional support services

• New York State-regulated health insurers will be required to waive cost-sharing, including deductibles, copayments and coinsurance, for in-network mental health services for frontline essential workers during COVID-19
Mental Health Resources

• NYS Mental Health Helpline
  1-844-863-9314

• The helpline is staffed by specially trained volunteers, including mental health professionals, who have received training in crisis counseling related to mental health consequences of infectious disease outbreaks, typical stress reactions, anxiety management, coping skills, and telephonic counseling.
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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) — Information for Providers

Daily Syndromic and Case Data Update

The following documents provide information about people confirmed to have COVID-19 in NYC. They will be updated each weekday morning.

The total number of positive cases in the city are updated continuously. This update reflects data as of the previous day at 6 p.m. Due to public health guidance that people with mild illness stay home and not get tested, these data may not reflect the true number of positive COVID-19 cases in NYC and may overrepresent the volume of hospitalized cases.

As of March 18, 6 p.m.:
- COVID-19 Daily Case Data Summary (PDF)
- NYC Flu-like Illness Data 2016-Current (PDF)
Guidance Documents

As defined in section 202-e of the State Administrative Procedure Act, a guidance document is any guideline, memorandum or similar document, prepared by an agency, that provides general information or guidance to assist regulated parties in complying with any statute, rule or other legal requirement. The term does not include documents that concern only the internal management of the agency, such as a policy that applies only to an OMH operated facility or program.

Current OMH Guidance Documents:

Guidance on COVID-19

- OMH Psychiatric Center Visitor Restriction Guidance (3/14/2020)
- COVID-19 Guidance for Children’s Waiver Service Providers (3/14/2020)
- DOH Medicaid Updates – Special Editions
- COVID-19 Guidance for Health Homes (3/14/2020)
- Guidance for NY’s Behavioral Health Programs (3/11/2020)
- Interim Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfection of Public and Private Facilities for COVID-19
- Interim Guidance for Large Gatherings and Public Spaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak
- OMH Guidance for Managing Stress and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Outbreak

COVID-19 Telemental Health Guidance

- Supplemental Guidance – Use of Telehealth for People Served by OMH Licensed or Designated Programs Affected by the Disaster Emergency (REVISED - 3/17/2020)
- Self-Attestation of Compliance to Offer Telemental Health Services (REVISED - 3/13/2020)
- DOH Medicaid Update Special Edition: COVID-19 Telephonic Communication Services
- OASAS Telepractice Waiver Updates
- Interim Guidance Regarding the Delivery of Services Through the Use of Telehealth Modalities in Facilities Certified or Operated by OPWDD
- Use of Telemental Health for People Affected by the Disaster Emergency (3/11/2020)
For everyone

For individuals receiving mental health services

For parents

For caregivers of older adults

For mental health providers
NYS Medicaid Telehealth Updates and Guidance

NYSDOH COVID-19 Guidance for Medicaid Providers website

- **Webinar:** New York State Medicaid Guidance Regarding Telehealth, Including Telephonic, Services During the COVID-19 Emergency - **5.5.2020**
  - Slides (PDF)
  - Recording Coming Soon

Telehealth Guidance

• American College of Physicians Telehealth Resource:
  www.acponline.org/practice-resources/business-resources/health-information-technology/telehealth

• CDC Outpatient and Ambulatory Care Setting Guidance:

• Medicaid:
  www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/2020/
NYSDOH COVID-19 Website

Have a Question? Call the Novel Coronavirus Hotline 24/7 at 1-888-364-3065

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Protect Yourself and Your Family

Stay home and Keep a Safe Distance from others in public. It's the only way to help slow the spread of Coronavirus.
PROTECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF ALL NEW YORKERS

- Mandatory and Precautionary Quarantine
- Mass Gatherings
- Healthcare Providers
- Nursing Homes
- Schools
- Childcare Providers
- Employees & Employers
- Insurance
- Voting
- International Travel
- Cyber Security
- Price Gouging
Symptoms
The 2019 novel coronavirus may cause mild to severe respiratory symptoms.

COVID-19 Testing
Learn more about testing protocol now that the FDA has approved New York to begin its own testing.

Know Your Rights
The health and safety of New Yorkers is the top priority, co-pays for telehealth visits have been waived.

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COVID-19 Weekly Healthcare Provider Update Compilation:
As of October 1, 2020, 11:00 AM

The information in this compilation is current only as of the above date and time.

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 (I-HANS), an application hosted on the Health Commerce System (HCS). If you are not receiving I-HANS 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.

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Face Masks and Coverings for COVID-19

- You must wear a face mask or face covering in public when social distancing (playing at least 6 feet apart) is not possible, unless a face covering is not medically tolerated. This includes on public transport, in stores and on crowded sidewalks.
- Children over 2 years of age should wear a face mask in public, too. Children under 2 years of age should NOT wear face coverings for safety reasons.
- Cloth face coverings should be made from fabric you can't see through when held up to the light. They must be cleaned before reusing.
- Disposable paper face masks should be used for one outing outside the home. They cannot be properly cleaned.
- The best way to prevent COVID-19 is to continue social distancing (playing at least 6 feet away from others), even when wearing a face covering.

Putting On Face Covering

- DO clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before putting on your face covering.
- Make sure the face covering covers both your nose and mouth.
- DON'T wear your mask hanging under your nose or mouth or around your neck. You won't get the protection you need.
- DON'T wear the face covering on top of your head, or take it off and on repeatedly. Once it is in place, leave the covering in place until you are no longer in public.

Taking Off Face Covering

- DO clean your hands with soap and water or if that's not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, before taking off your face covering.
- Remove your mask only touching the straps.
- Discard the face covering if it is disposable. If you are reusing (cloth), place it in a paper bag or plastic bag for later.
- Wash your hands again.
- When cleaning a cloth face covering, DO put in the washer (preferably on the hot water setting).
- Dry in dryer at high heat. When it is clean and dry, place in a clean paper or plastic bag for later use. If you live in a household with many people, you might want to label the bags with names so the face coverings are not mixed up.

NYSDOH Face Masks and Coverings for COVID-19
ATTENTION ALL PATIENTS

STOP

If you have

- fever
- cough
- trouble breathing

Call this number ____________.
Tell them your symptoms.
Ask where you should go and what you should do.
Put on a mask before going inside.

ATTENTION ALL VISITORS

STOP

NO VISITORS ARE ALLOWED AT THIS TIME

If you feel there is an urgent need for visitation, please contact ________________.

DO NOT VISIT
COVID-19 Symptom Check

I am deaf or hard of hearing. I am using this card to communicate. I may need a certified sign language interpreter, captioning or other ways to communicate. I have circled the best ways to communicate with you.

Quick Communication
Some questions may be answered by pointing to yes, no, don’t know.

THIS IS MY LEVEL OF PAIN:

- No Pain
- Mild Pain
- Moderate Pain
- Severe Pain
- Very Severe Pain
- Worst Possible Pain

THESE ARE MY SYMPTOMS:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Sore Throat
- Lost Sense of Taste or Smell
- Muscle Aches
- Chills
- Headache

OTHER SYMPTOMS I HAVE:

I HAVE HAD SYMPTOMS THIS MANY DAYS:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

I HAVE HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH SOMEONE (within 6 feet) WHO HAS COVID-19:

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
Questions or Concerns

• Call the local health department [www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/](http://www.health.ny.gov/contact/contact_information/)

• In New York City: Notify the NYC DOHMH provider access line (PAL)
  – 1-866-NYC-DOH1 or 1-866-692-3641 (works 24 hours/day x 7 days/week)

• Providers who are unable to reach the LHD can contact the NYSDOH Bureau of Communicable Disease Control at **518-473-4439** during business hours or the NYSDOH Public Health Duty Officer at **1-866-881-2809** evenings, weekends, and holidays
QUESTIONS?

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THANK YOU!