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IN THE MATTER OF  
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OF 2020

HEALTH COMMISSIONER'S  
STANDING QUARANTINE  
ORDER

Under and Pursuant to the Public Health Law  
Section 2100 of the State of New York and the Sanitary  
Code of the State of New York

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**RE: QUARANTINE ORDER, 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an infection associated with fever and signs and symptoms of pneumonia or other respiratory illness, appears to be transmitted from person to person predominantly through droplet transmission, and if spread in the population could have significant public health consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, 10 NYCRR 2.2(j) defines “personal quarantine” as “the physical separation and confinement of an individual or groups of individuals who are reasonably determined by the State Commissioner of Health or local health authority to have been exposed to a highly contagious communicable disease, but who do not show signs or symptoms of such disease, for such time as will prevent transmission of the disease, in the clinical judgement of the State Commissioner of Health, or of the local health authority consistent with any direction that the State Commissioner of Health may issue”; and

**WHEREAS**, 10 NYCRR 2.2(o) defines “mandatory quarantine” as “quarantine pursuant to a legal order consistent with this Part”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2100 of the Public Health Law mandates that all local health officers, being Commissioners of Health and Public Health Directors, as the case may be, of County Health Departments, guard against the introduction of such communicable diseases as are designated in the State Sanitary Code, by the exercise of proper and vigilant medical inspection and control of all persons and things infected with or exposed to such diseases by methods including but not limited to mandatory personal quarantine as defined in 10 NYCRR 2.2(j) and (o); and

**WHEREAS**, 10 NYCRR 2.13 (a) provides that there is a duty to issue quarantine orders, stating at (a)(1) Whenever appropriate to control the spread of a highly contagious communicable disease, the State Department of Health may issue and/or may direct the local health authority to issue isolation and/or quarantine orders, consistent with due process of law, to all such persons as the state Commissioner of Health shall determine appropriate.

**WHEREAS**, on January 4, 2022, the New York State Department of Health issued a document which provides updated guidance on releasing individuals from **quarantine** as a result of an exposure to COVID-19 for general community members. This NYSDOH guidance revised the Mandatory Quarantine parameters as follows:

**QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19**

- If exposed to COVID-19, quarantine as follows, where day 0 is the last date of exposure:
  - a. If not recovered from COVID-19 in the previous 3 months, or
  - b. Not fully vaccinated or
  - c. Fully vaccinated and eligible for a booster but not yet boosted,

You must quarantine for 5 days and wear a well-fitting mask while around others for an additional 5 days. This includes students, teachers, and staff who are not vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series. However, these individuals could be eligible for Test to Stay programs that may allow them to stay in the school setting during the quarantine period.

- If fully vaccinated and boosted or not yet eligible for a booster, including children aged 5-11 years, no quarantine is required but these individuals should wear a well-fitting mask while around others for 10 days after the last date of exposure.
  - If possible, test at day 5 with either a nucleic acid amplification test (NAAT, e.g., PCR) or antigen test.
  - If symptoms appear, quarantine, and seek testing. In this situation, quarantine would end when the test is negative. If testing is not done, isolate according to the most recent NYSDOH guidance.
  - This guidance does not apply to infection or exposure in a healthcare setting. If you are a healthcare worker, please refer to the January 4, 2022, NYSDOH guidance; and
  - For individuals who are 12 years of age and older who are eligible for a booster but not yet boosted, and who have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19, cannot participate in extracurricular or after school activities and, aside from school attendance for instruction and bus travel, must adhere to a 5-day quarantine at home.
  - For those individuals who are exposed to COVID-19 and who work in a healthcare or congregate care setting may not shorten quarantine and must quarantine for a period of ten (10) days where Day 0 is the date of exposure to the positive individual.
- This guidance applies to individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 who have not tested positive. Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate. Information on isolation and when it ends can be found at:  
[https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/nys\\_updated\\_isolation\\_quarantine\\_guidance\\_01042022.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/nys_updated_isolation_quarantine_guidance_01042022.pdf)

**WHEREAS**, you represent that you are a person:

- a. who has been in close contact with someone who has laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and is not fully vaccinated or is fully vaccinated and eligible for a booster but not yet boosted; or
- b. who is fully vaccinated, has been in close contact with someone who has laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 and is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, LHDs must immediately issue an Order for Mandatory Quarantine; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 2100 of the Public Health Law of the State of New York and applicable provisions of the New York State Code of Rules and Regulations, as Commissioner of Orange County, I do hereby:

**ORDER** that, effective upon your receipt of this order, you are hereby directed to travel directly to, if not already located there, and remain for the entire duration of this quarantine consistent with the **“QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19”** at your place of residence.

**FURTHER, I DO HEREBY** give notice that you have a right to be represented by legal counsel or to have counsel provided and that if you qualify to have counsel provided, such counsel will be made available

DATED: January 10, 2022  
Goshen, New York



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Signed: Irina Gelman  
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