

**COVID-19 Weekly Healthcare Provider Update Compilation:
As of May 18, 2020, 9:00 AM**

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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	Additional Capacity Guidance (Collection, triage, treatment)	3/19/20
	Specimen Collection and Handling to Allow NP and Saliva Specimen	4/1/20
	Wadsworth Specimen Collection, Handling and Transport	4/1/20
	Updated Infectious Disease Requisition Form	4/9/20
	Updated Infectious Disease Requisition Guidance	4/9/20
	Private Practice Collection Guidance	4/19/20
	The NYSDOH Wadsworth Center's Assay for SARS-CoV-2 IgG FAQ	4/20/20
	Updated Testing Protocol	4/26/20
Infection Control and Personal Protective Equipment	Serology Testing	4/30/20
	Requests for PPE should go through your county OEM	3/23/20
	PPE Shortage Guidance	4/2/20
	Optimizing PPE (CDC)	4/22/20
Quarantine/Isolation	Infection Control Guidance (CDC)	4/24/20
	Process for Discontinuation of Home Isolation	3/28/20
	Protocols for Essential Personnel to Return to Work Following COVID-19 Exposure or Infection	3/31/20
	Protocols for Personnel in Healthcare to Return to Work Following COVID-19 Exposure or Infection	3/31/20
	Guidance for Local Health Departments highlighting definitions and situations for quarantine and isolation.	4/7/20

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	Precautionary Quarantine, Mandatory Quarantine, and Isolation	4/16/20
	Discontinuation of Isolation for Patients with COVID-19 who are Hospitalized, in Nursing Homes, or in Other Congregate Settings	4/19/20
Exposure	Contact of a Contact Guidance	3/15/20
	Contact Tracing Guidance	4/8/20
	COVID-19 and the Use of Cloth Face Coverings	4/17/20
Elective Surgery	Guidance for Resumption of Elective Outpatient Surgeries and Procedures in General Hospitals in Counties and Facilities Without a Significant Risk of COVID-19 Surge	4/29/20
Telehealth	Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement	3/27/20
	Telehealth Resources (American College of Physicians)	4/20/20
Obstetrics/Pediatrics	Pregnancy Resources	3/21/20
	Academy of Breastfeeding Statement	3/10/20
	Sexual and Reproductive Health Services	4/7/20
	Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Guidance (CDC)	4/15/20
	Information for Pediatric Health Providers (CDC)	4/17/20
	NEW GUIDANCE: Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome Potentially Associated With Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) In Children	5/6/20
	Pediatric Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome Interim Case Definition	5/13/20
HIV Care Providers	Novel Coronavirus and People with HIV	3/20/20
Mental Health Resources	Managing Stress and Anxiety	3/16/20
	OMH COVID-19 Guidance Documents	
Immunizations	CDC has released recommendations related to pediatric and adult immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.	4/3/20
Healthcare Professional Training	The CDC launched a healthcare professional training site .	4/7/20
Medicaid Providers	Guidance for Medicaid Providers	4/20/20
Outpatient Care Setting	Ambulatory Care Setting Guidance (CDC)	4/7/20
Treatment/Therapeutic	NYS Medicaid Prescriber Education Program COVID-19 Drug Topics	3/30/20
	NIH Treatment Guidelines	4/27/20
	CDC Information on Investigational Therapeutics (CDC)	4/25/20
	FDA Warning on Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine Outside of Hospital or Clinical Trial due to Heart Rhythm Problems (FDA)	4/24/20