

**COVID-19 Weekly Healthcare Provider Update Compilation:
As of April 29, 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
	NEW GUIDANCE:	
	The NYSDOH Wadsworth Center's Assay for SARS-CoV-2 IgG FAQ	4/20/20
Infection Control and Personal Protective Equipment	Updated Testing Protocol	4/26/20
	Requests for PPE should go through your county OEM	3/23/20
	PPE Shortage Guidance	4/2/20
	Optimizing PPE (CDC)	4/22/20
	Infection Control Guidance (CDC)	4/24/20
Quarantine/Isolation	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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	<u>Precautionary Quarantine, Mandatory Quarantine, and Isolation</u>	4/16/20
	NEW GUIDANCE:	
	<u>Discontinuation of Isolation for Patients with COVID-19 who are Hospitalized, in Nursing Homes, or in Other Congregate Settings</u>	4/19/20
Exposure	<u>Contact of a Contact Guidance</u>	3/15/20
	<u>Contact Tracing Guidance</u>	4/8/20
	<u>COVID-19 and the Use of Cloth Face Coverings</u>	4/17/20
Telehealth	<u>Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement</u>	3/27/20
	<u>Telehealth Resources (American College of Physicians)</u>	4/20/20
Obstetrics/Pediatrics	<u>Pregnancy Resources</u>	3/21/20
	<u>Academy of Breastfeeding Statement</u>	3/10/20
	<u>Sexual and Reproductive Health Services</u>	4/7/20
	<u>Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Guidance (CDC)</u>	4/15/20
	<u>Information for Pediatric Health Providers (CDC)</u>	4/17/20
HIV Care Providers	<u>Novel Coronavirus and People with HIV</u>	3/20/20
Mental Health Resources	<u>Managing Stress and Anxiety</u>	3/16/20
	<u>OMH COVID-19 Guidance Documents</u>	
Immunizations	CDC has released recommendations related to <u>pediatric</u> and <u>adult</u> immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.	4/3/20
Healthcare Professional Training	The CDC launched a healthcare <u>professional training site</u> .	4/7/20
Medicaid Providers	<u>Guidance for Medicaid Providers</u>	4/20/20
Outpatient Care Setting	<u>Ambulatory Care Setting Guidance (CDC)</u>	4/7/20
Treatment/Therapeutic (NEW TOPIC AREA)	NYS Medicaid Prescriber Education Program <u>COVID-19 Drug Topics</u>	3/30/20
	<u>NIH Treatment Guidelines</u>	4/27/20
	<u>CDC Information on Investigational Therapeutics (CDC)</u>	4/25/20
	<u>FDA Warning on Hydroxychloroquine and Chloroquine Outside of Hospital or Clinical Trial due to Heart Rhythm Problems (FDA)</u>	4/24/20