

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

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	<a href="#">Precautionary Quarantine, Mandatory Quarantine, and Isolation</a>	4/16/20
	<b>NEW GUIDANCE:</b>	
	<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
Exposure	<a href="#">Contact of a Contact Guidance</a>	3/15/20
	<a href="#">Contact Tracing Guidance</a>	4/8/20
	<a href="#">COVID-19 and the Use of Cloth Face Coverings</a>	4/17/20
Telehealth	<a href="#">Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement</a>	3/27/20
	<a href="#">Telehealth Resources (American College of Physicians)</a>	4/20/20
Obstetrics/Pediatrics	<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
HIV Care Providers	<a href="#">Novel Coronavirus and People with HIV</a>	3/20/20
Mental Health Resources	<a href="#">Managing Stress and Anxiety</a>	3/16/20
	<a href="#">OMH COVID-19 Guidance Documents</a>	
Immunizations	CDC has released recommendations related to <a href="#">pediatric</a> and <a href="#">adult</a> immunizations during the COVID-19 pandemic.	4/3/20
Healthcare Professional Training	The CDC launched a healthcare <a href="#">professional training site</a> .	4/7/20
Medicaid Providers	<a href="#">Guidance for Medicaid Providers</a>	4/20/20
Outpatient Care Setting	<a href="#">Ambulatory Care Setting Guidance (CDC)</a>	4/7/20
Treatment/Therapeutic (NEW TOPIC AREA)	NYS Medicaid Prescriber Education Program <a href="#">COVID-19 Drug Topics</a>	3/30/20
	<a href="#">NIH Treatment Guidelines</a>	4/27/20
	<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