

**COVID-19 Weekly Healthcare Provider Update Compilation:
As of April 22, 2020, 8:00 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	Specimen Collection and Handling to Allow NP and Saliva Specimen	4/1/20
	Wadsworth Specimen Collection, Handling and Transport	4/1/20
	Additional Capacity Guidance (Collection, triage, treatment)	3/19/20
	Testing Protocol	3/19/20
	Updated Infectious Disease Requisition Form	4/9/20
	Updated Infectious Disease Requisition Guidance	4/9/20
	<u>NEW GUIDANCE:</u> Private Practice Collection Guidance	4/19/20
Infection Control and Personal Protective Equipment	Requests for PPE should go through your county OEM	3/23/20
	PPE Shortage Guidance	4/2/20
	Optimizing PPE (CDC)	4/3/20
	Infection Control Guidance (CDC)	4/7/20
Quarantine/Isolation	Process for Discontinuation of Home Isolation	3/28/20
	Precautionary Quarantine, Mandatory Quarantine, and Isolation	4/16/20
	Guidance for Local Health Departments highlighting definitions and situations for quarantine and isolation.	4/7/20
Exposure	Contact of a Contact Guidance	3/15/20
	Contact Tracing Guidance	4/8/20
	Protocols for Essential Personnel to Return to Work Following COVID-19 Exposure or Infection	3/31/20
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	<u>NEW GUIDANCE</u> <u>COVID-19 and the Use of Cloth Face Coverings</u>	4/17/20
Telehealth	<u>Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement</u> REMINDER: The NYS Telehealth Parity Law requires commercial insurers (under the jurisdiction of the Division of Financial Services) and the Medicaid program (administered by the Department of Health) to provide reimbursement for services delivered via telehealth, if those services would have been covered if delivered in person. <u>NEW GUIDANCE:</u> <u>Telehealth Resources (American College of Physicians)</u>	3/27/20 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>NEW GUIDANCE:</u> <u>Information for Pediatric Health Providers (CDC)</u>	4/17/20
	<u>Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Guidance (CDC)</u>	4/15/20
Elective Surgery	Governor Cuomo, through <u>Executive Order</u> , has directed all Office Based Surgery, General Hospitals, and Ambulatory Surgery Centers to cancel all elective surgeries to maximize hospital bed capacity.	3/23/20
Staffing	Governor Cuomo, through <u>Executive Order</u> , has increased staffing resources by expanding the scope of practice for designated practitioners.	3/23/20
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 & Education	The CDC launched a healthcare <u>professional training site</u> .	4/7/20
	NYS Medicaid Prescriber Education Program <u>COVID-19 Drug Topics</u>	3/30/20
Medicaid Providers	<u>Guidance for Medicaid Providers</u>	4/20/20
Outpatient Care Setting (New Topic Area)	<u>Ambulatory Care Setting Guidance (CDC)</u>	4/7/20