

In re: 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR'S
QUARANTINE ORDER FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE
BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A CONFIRMED
CASE OF COVID-19**

Pursuant to Section 2100 of the Public Health Law

WHEREAS, 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a communicable disease by the New York State Health Commissioner pursuant to §2.1(a) of the New York State Sanitary Code [10 NYCRR Chapter 1], and a reportable condition to the Wayne County Department of Health (the "Department") pursuant to §2101 of the New York State Public Health Law; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued containment guidance which mandates the quarantine of individuals who have been a close contact. A close contact is defined as:

General Public Setting: persons who are within 6 feet of a positive COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during a time the case was infectious, regardless if masks were worn,

Pre-K to Grade 12 School Indoor Classroom Setting: students being within 3 feet or teachers/staff who are within 6 feet from the positive COVID-19 case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period during a time the case was infectious, regardless if masks were worn; and

WHEREAS, such containment guidance further directs local health departments to consider other factors such as proximity of contact and duration of exposure when deciding whether an exposure resulted in a close contact and therefore warrants mandatory quarantine; and

WHEREAS, the Department has received a report, pursuant to §2.10 of the State Sanitary Code and to §2101 of the New York State Public Health Law, that you have come in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to §2100 and §2120 of the New York State Public Health Law and §2.6 of the State Sanitary Code, the Department is authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to mitigate morbidity and mortality and to prevent transmission of disease to other persons; and

WHEREAS, the Department has determined that, in order to mitigate morbidity and mortality from COVID-19, that you must be confined to your home under such conditions as will prevent transmission of COVID-19 to others.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that you remain within the premises of your home and follow the precautions and directions specified in the attached **COVID-19 QUARANTINE INSTRUCTIONS** (the "**INSTRUCTIONS**") and any additional instructions given by the Department to you by phone or in person. You may not leave these premises for any reason, including to go to work, or to attend school, unless authorized by the Department;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that you may not have direct personal contact with other persons who do not reside in your home except as authorized by the Department; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that you shall cooperate with the Department's efforts to monitor your compliance with this Order and the infection control measures outlined on the attached **INSTRUCTIONS**.

This Order shall remain in effect until you have quarantined for five (5) days following the last day of exposure to the COVID- 19 positive case and have remained asymptomatic during the quarantine period.

Exemptions to the quarantine include:

1. An asymptomatic close contact who has received a booster, completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months (> 2 weeks following the receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series or > 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose series), or has completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months, and has remained asymptomatic will not need to quarantine.

OR

2. An asymptomatic close contact who has been previously diagnosed with laboratory confirmed COVID-19, has since recovered, and completed their isolation period will not need to quarantine for the 90 days following the end of their isolation as long as they remain asymptomatic.

This Order is the final administrative determination of the County of Wayne in this matter. You may challenge the final determination by commencing a proceeding in the New York State Supreme Court pursuant to Article 78 of the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules.

Diane Devlin, RN, BSN, MS
Wayne County Public Health Director

NOTE - You have the right to be represented by a lawyer regarding this quarantine order. You may directly contact a lawyer of your choice to represent you.

WARNING

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER MAY SUBJECT YOU TO FURTHER ACTION BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR, INCLUDING INVOLUNTARY DETENTION IN AN APPROPRIATE FACILITY OR SUCH OTHER ACTION AS THE PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OTHERS. WILLFUL VIOLATION OF OR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A HEALTH ORDER IS A MISDEMEANOR UNDER NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW SECTION 12-B.

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COVID-19 Quarantine Instructions

- The individual will remain quarantined for five (5) days following the last day of exposure to the COVID-19 positive case and have remained asymptomatic during the quarantine period. A properly-fitting face mask must be worn when around others for an additional 5 days after completion of the quarantine period (days 6-10 after date of close contact).
- The individual must not leave their home/property where they are being quarantined. You are allowed to walk outside on your property but should not come within six feet of others.
- The individual must be situated in a separate room with separate bathroom facilities for each individual or family group. Access to a sink with soap, water, and paper towels is necessary. Cleaning supplies (e.g. household cleaning wipes, bleach) must be provided in any shared bathroom.
- The individual must have a way to self-isolate from household members as soon as fever or other symptoms develop, in a separate room with a door. Given that an individual might become ill while sleeping; the individual must sleep in a separate bedroom from household members.
- If an individual sharing a bathroom becomes symptomatic, all others sharing the bathroom will be considered exposed persons until the symptomatic individual is appropriately evaluated and cleared.
- If the individual must enter a room where there are other individuals, the quarantined individual must wear a mask and remain ≥ 6 feet from others.
- The individual's bed linens, towels, and personal clothing must not be shared with other members of the household.
- Food must be delivered to the individual's room.
- Individuals must have a supply of face masks to put on if they become symptomatic.
- Garbage must be bagged and left outside the door of each of the rooms for routine pick up. Special handling is not required.
- Individuals should self-monitor daily for fever and other symptoms of COVID-19 throughout the duration of the quarantine period. A Wayne County Department of Health employee may contact the individual once a day for temperature and symptoms.
- If the individual begins to experience COVID-19 symptoms and requires medical assistance, the individual must notify the medical facility prior to arriving at the facility.

The individual or their legal guardian may contact the Wayne County Department of Public Health to seek clarification of or further explanation of the conditions contained in any part of this agreement.