

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

**STANDING COMMISSIONER'S ORDER  
FOR ISOLATION OF LAB CONFIRMED COVID-19**

Pursuant to Section 2100 of the Public Health Law and Section  
873.401 of the Westchester County Sanitary Code

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising that further cases may appear in any country; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 7, 2020, Andrew Cuomo, the Governor of the State of New York, declared a State of Emergency by Executive Order 202 as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, Donald Trump, the President of the United States of America, declared a National Emergency as a result of the spread of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Section 2100 of the Public Health Law mandates that all local health officers, being Commissioners of Health and Public Health Directors, as the case may be, of County Health Departments, guard against the introduction of such communicable diseases as are designated in the

State Sanitary Code, by the exercise of proper and vigilant medical inspection and control of all persons and things infected with or exposed to such diseases; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health has issued “2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Interim Containment Guidance: Precautionary Quarantine, Mandatory Quarantine and Mandatory Isolation Applicable to all Local Health Departments (LHD)” (“NYSDOH Guidance”); and

WHEREAS the NYSDOH Guidance requires that any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 be isolated; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, I issued a “STANDING COMMISSIONER’S ORDER FOR ISOLATION OF LAB CONFIRMED COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the New York State Department of Health issued a “HEALTH ADVISORY: COVID-19 RELEASE FROM HOME ISOLATION” (“Clearance Criteria”); and

WHEREAS, as of March 28, 2020, the County of Westchester has over 7,000 individuals who have had laboratory confirmed COVID-19 infections; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the number of persons infected will continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, given the volume of positive test results and the critical need to protect the public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 2100 of the Public Health Law of the State of New York and 10 NYCRR 2.25(f) and Section 873.401 of the Westchester County Sanitary Code, as Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Health, I do hereby:

**ORDER that, any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 through laboratory testing is required to remain isolated at the individual’s place of residence until such time as**

that individual meets the Clearance Criteria as set forth by the New York State Department of Health;

**FURTHER, I DO HEREBY ORDER that, any person so isolated must adhere to the Isolation Protocol attached hereto;**

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY order that, any doctor, hospital, or other medical provider or facility operating within the County of Westchester shall provide a copy of this Standing Order to any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 upon delivery of the results of the positive test, or shall inform said person of this Standing Order and direct the individual to the website for the Westchester County Department of Health to obtain a copy. Documentation shall be maintained that this provision has been complied with, and shall be provided to the Westchester County Department of Health upon request;

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY ORDER that, every doctor, hospital, or other medical provider or facility operating within the County of Westchester shall conspicuously place a copy of this Standing Order in their place of business, where it may be viewed by any persons seeking treatment or testing;

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY give notice that the failure to comply with the provisions of this Order may subject an individual to criminal prosecution pursuant to the terms of Section 12-b of the Public Health Law;


FURTHER, I DO HEREBY give notice that an individual subject to this Standing Order has a right to challenge this Order in a Court of competent jurisdiction and to be represented by legal counsel or to have counsel provided, and that if the person qualifies to have counsel provided, such counsel will be made available. To the extent necessary, the Health Department will request that an individual subject to isolation be allowed to participate in any such proceeding by telephonic or video-conferencing means;

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY ORDER that, the Standing Order issued by my hand on March 23, 2020 is hereby deemed revoked;

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY ORDER that, any person subject to the March 23, 2020 Standing Order remains subject to this Standing Order in accordance with the terms contained herein;

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY ORDER that, this Standing Order shall remain in effect until revoked, in writing, by my hand.

DATED: WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK  
MARCH 29, 2020

  
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DR. SHERLITA AMLER, M.D., COMMISSIONER  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Westchester County Department of Health**  
**Isolation Protocol for 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**

1. I will remain at my location for the duration of the isolation period.
2. I am not permitted to attend work or school outside my home. I will not visit enclosed public spaces (grocery stores, drugstores, department stores, shopping malls, theaters, religious services, community centers) or attend any social gatherings.
3. WCDH or NYSDOH contact tracers may communicate with me at least daily to check my condition and symptoms during the isolation period. I am required to answer their questions regarding my condition. During the isolation period, WCDH may make unannounced visits.
4. If I am housed together with family or others then such household members are permitted to remain in the home but will not be permitted to leave the home. Other non-household members/visitors are not permitted in my living quarters. I will not share my bed, bedroom or bathroom with household members and will keep my bedroom door closed. I will not eat in the same room with household members and I will not share linens, towels, eating utensils, cups and plates. I will limit my time in common household area such as bathrooms and kitchens. If a bathroom must be used by a person other than the person requiring isolation, the toilet seat and any touched surfaces are to be disinfected by the person requiring isolation after each use. A diluted household bleach solution is optimal for such disinfection. Disinfection guidance can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html>
5. Persons in the household under isolation or quarantine can walk outside their house on their own property, but they must not come within six feet of neighbors or other members of the public. Persons living in a multiple dwelling under isolation or quarantine may not utilize common stairways or elevators to access the outside. Likewise I need to refrain from walking in my neighborhood, however if I live in a detached home, I may go outside while remaining on my property, so long as I wear a mask at all times on the premises and do not come within 6 feet of any person.
6. All household members will be informed of my isolation status.
7. Garbage should be bagged and left outside my door for pickup.
8. I am aware that if I become symptomatic or ill, those persons staying with me in my living quarters, may be subject to mandatory isolation. If I have a fever of  $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ / $\geq 38.0^{\circ}\text{C}$  (or feel feverish) or develop any other symptoms of 2019-nCoV infection, I will report this to the WCDH or NYS contact tracers as part of my daily monitoring. I will also call my medical provider and inform my provider that I am under isolation for COVID-19 and have become symptomatic. If I don't have a provider I will ask the WCDH or NYS contact tracer where I can go for medical care:  
  
**Symptoms include: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.**
9. If I, or any household member, experiences a life threatening condition, we will call 911 and notify the dispatcher that a person in the living quarters is under isolation for 2019-nCoV infection so that responders can take proper precautions.
10. As part of my daily monitoring, I will notify the WCDH or NYS contact tracers of any needed care or services such as food, supplies, medicine or other supports that I require. If I require immediate attention, I can call **866-588-0195**
11. I, or my legal guardian, may contact the WCDH for any questions or concerns with this protocol. Please contact the number above.