

## EMERGENCY ORDER

### ISSUING ISOLATION & QUARANTINE MANDATES FOR LAB-CONFIRMED POSITIVE, PRESUMED POSITIVE, AND INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2020, pursuant to 10 NYCRR Section 2.1 (a), Dr. Howard A. Zucker, as Commissioner of Health of the State of New York, designated 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as a communicable disease under the State Sanitary Code; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2020 the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council ratified the designation of 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as a communicable disease under the New York State Sanitary Code through the adoption of emergency regulations amending 10 NYCRR Section 2.1; and

WHEREAS, as of March 8, 2020 and in accordance with the federal Center for Disease Control's (CDC) "Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)," the New York State Department of Health has issued directives requiring all persons who have tested positive or are presumed positive for COVID-19 to be isolated; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health has issued a directive prescribing that persons who have been in close contact (6 feet) of someone who has tested positive must be quarantined as they may be a menace to others unless fully vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, On July 27, 2021, CDC released updated guidance on the need for urgently increasing COVID-19 vaccination coverage in counties with low vaccination rates, and a recommendation for everyone in areas of substantial or high transmission to wear a mask in public indoor places, even if they are fully vaccinated.

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2021, the NYS Health Commissioner issued a statement recommending that school districts are reestablished as the controlling entity for schools, and that schools should follow guidance from the CDC and local health departments,

WHEREAS, as of August 13, 2021, the number of daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases within Sullivan County has been suddenly increasing after almost 8 weeks of having very few cases, along with an increasing number of hospitalizations in younger age cohorts of 19-54 due to COVID-19 reported;

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been designated as a "high transmission" area per the Centers for Disease Control for the spread of the Delta variant the week of August 6, 2021;

WHEREAS, the newly emerging data and trends make it imperative for local government and local law enforcement to have all available measures to safely enact and quarantine and isolation orders; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2021, I, Michelle L. Huck, the Acting Chief Executive of the County of Sullivan, issued a declaration of a State of Emergency pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle L. Huck, the Acting Chief Executive of the County of Sullivan, in accordance with the declaration of a State of Emergency issued on August 16, 2021, and pursuant to Executive Law Section 24, hereby order that:


1. All persons who are lab confirmed positive or are presumed positive with COVID-19 by a New York State Licensed Medical Health Care Provider or by Sullivan County Public Health Services, be isolated and travel directly to, if not already located there, and remain isolated at their primary residence, or at any Facility designated by the Sullivan County Public Health Services until Sullivan County Public Health Services confirms that such person(s) no longer requires isolation pursuant to New York State's minimum criteria for discontinuance; and
2. All persons who have been in close contact to an individual who meets the criteria in Paragraph 1, as determined by a New York State Licensed Medical Health Care Provider or Sullivan County Public Health Services, unless fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and asymptomatic, be quarantined and travel directly to, if not already located there, and remain quarantined at their primary residence for ten (10) days from the date of last exposure, or until as determined by Sullivan County Public Health Services.
3. The current CDC Pre K- 12 guidance on quarantine and isolation states that in the **K-12 indoor classroom** setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) **if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks** the entire time.
4. In addition, fully vaccinated individuals who are exposed but asymptomatic should be tested but are not required to quarantine while awaiting test results. Fully vaccinated individuals who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or flu, or those who are not fully vaccinated, should be tested and must quarantine while awaiting test results.

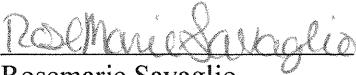
This Order is necessary to safeguard the public health and welfare and to assist in controlling the disaster effort. This Order is intended to comply with all laws and regulations, state and federal, and shall be read and interpreted in such manner.

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for five (5) days unless rescinded or modified earlier by the Chief Executive. This Order may also be renewed for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of this local state of emergency.

Failure to obey this order is a criminal offence, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law Section 24(5).

Signed this the 10th day of September, 2021, at 12:30 pm, in the County of Sullivan, New York.

  
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Joshua Potosek  
County Manager, County of Sullivan

  
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Executive Assistant to the County Manager