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Dear Health Care Providers:

This afternoon, an emergency order was issued by County Manager Joshua Potosek and approved by the NYS Department of Health, to assist the Department of Public Health Services with reinforcing the importance of Isolation & Quarantine orders to help reduce community transmission of COVID-19.

Any Sullivan County resident that has been issued an Isolation or Quarantine order by Public Health Services has either has:

- 1) been placed on isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test, or
- 2) placed on quarantine if they have been determined to be a close contact (exposed) to someone who has tested positive

Given the increasing number of positive cases in Sullivan County (425- see dashboard) and the increasing number of community residents on quarantine, it is imperative that we help spread the word that anyone who is on quarantine remain AT HOME if they are under an official quarantine order until they are notified by Public Health Services that their quarantine period is over.

Staff or students who need to pick up supplies or run errands in the community are strongly urged to wear cloth face masks while doing so.

Under no circumstances, if someone is under an isolation or quarantine order should they leave their home, even to run essential errands.

Arrangements should be made for someone to pick up or drop off supplies, food, medicine, etc. even if they are still working from home.

The only exception to this guidance may be in special circumstances for health care workers or essentials workers who are *asymptomatic* and have been given permission to work by Public Health Services with a face mask as long as they remain symptom free. In such cases, individuals are given the attached guidance for return to work on a case by case basis by Public Health Services. Daily monitoring of symptoms is required.

Employers of essential workers are required to provide face masks to their employees. Should there be non-compliance with essential employees wearing face masks when within 6 ft of others at work, it is suggested you create a temporary policy to make it a requirement during this time of increased community transmission.

Cloth face masks are easily made at home <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>. N95 and surgical masks should be reserved for health care workers, and are in short supply.

NYSDOH COVID-19 Hotline: 1-888-364-3065

COVID-19 Emotional Support Help Line: 1-844-863-9314, 81m-10pm, 7 days/wk

The Sullivan County Emergency Community Assistance Center can help those who need assistance by calling 807-0925.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>

Thank you.

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