

**COVID-19 Weekly Healthcare Provider Update Compilation:  
As of April 6, 2020, 2:00 PM**

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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 NYSDOH webpage.

Guidance/Health Advisory Topic	Link(s)	Date
Testing/Specimen Collection	<a href="#">Specimen Collection and Handling</a>	4/1/20
	<a href="#">Infectious Disease Requisition</a>	
	<a href="#">Wadsworth Specimen Collection, Handling and Transport</a>	4/1/20
	<a href="#">Additional Capacity Guidance (Collection, triage, treatment)</a>	3/20
	<a href="#">Testing Protocol</a>	3/20
Infection Control and Personal Protective Equipment	<a href="#">Requests for PPE should go through your regional OEM</a>	3/23/20
	<b>REMINDER:</b> Providers should follow the <a href="#">process outlined by the Commissioner of Health</a> for requesting resources through the county and <a href="#">NYS Office of Emergency Management</a> . NYSDOH stresses the importance of making requests no later than 10 days before you expect those supplies to be exhausted.	
	<a href="#">PPE Shortage Guidance</a>	4/2/20
	<a href="#">Infection Control Guidance (CDC)</a>	3/23/20
	<a href="#">Optimizing PPE (CDC)</a>	3/23/20

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Quarantine/Isolation	<a href="#">Process for Discontinuation of Home Isolation</a>	3/28/20
	<a href="#">Precautionary Quarantine, Mandatory Quarantine, and Isolation</a>	3/20
Exposure	<a href="#">Contact of a Contact Guidance</a>	3/20
	<a href="#">Protocols for Personnel to Return to Work Following COVID-19 Exposure</a>	3/31/20
Telehealth	<a href="#">Medicaid Coverage and Reimbursement</a>  <b>REMINDER:</b> 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.	3/20/20
Pregnancy/Pediatrics	<a href="#">Pregnancy Resources</a>	3/21/20
	<a href="#">Visitation Guidance in Obstetrics and Pediatrics</a>	3/27/20
Elective Surgery	Governor Cuomo, through <a href="#">Executive Order</a> , 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 <a href="#">Executive Order</a> , has increased staffing resources by expanding the scope of practice for designated practitioners.	3/23/20
HIV Care Providers	<a href="#">Novel Coronavirus and People with HIV</a>	3/20
Mental Health Resources	<a href="#">Managing Stress and Anxiety</a>	3/16/20
	<a href="#">OMH COVID-19 Guidance Documents</a>	