



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE  
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Commissioner

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH  
AND MENTAL HYGIENE REGARDING COVID-19 HEALTH  
AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS**


**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 2020, I issued an “Order of the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene to Require Schools to Meet COVID-19 Health and Safety Requirements” (the “November 5, 2020 Order”) in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order No. 202.60 and the New York State Department of Health’s (“NYSDOH”) “Interim Guidance for In-person Instruction at Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency,”<sup>1</sup> and on December 11, 2020, the Board of Health ratified the November 5, 2020 Order; and

**WHEREAS**, the November 5, 2020 Order required students, teachers, and certain other individuals in non-public and charter schools who have close contact with confirmed cases of COVID-19 to quarantine for 14 days from such contact, in accordance with applicable NYSDOH guidance in effect at the time of issuance of such Order; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 26, 2020, NYSDOH issued a “Health Advisory: Quarantine for Persons Exposed to Covid-19”<sup>2</sup> (“Updated Quarantine Advisory”), which supersedes any conflicting previous guidance relating to the length of quarantine, and provides that a quarantine following exposure to COVID-19 may end after 10 days if no COVID-19 symptoms occur during the quarantine period, provided individuals continue daily symptom monitoring for 14 days;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that the November 5, 2020 Order is hereby **MODIFIED** to require that students, teachers, staff members, volunteers, or any other individuals providing services in the non-public and charter school having close contact with confirmed cases of COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days from such contact, in accordance with NYSDOH guidance for precautionary quarantine.

Dated: January 19, 2021

  
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<sup>1</sup> Available at [https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Pre-K\\_to\\_Grade\\_12\\_Schools\\_MasterGuidance.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Pre-K_to_Grade_12_Schools_MasterGuidance.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Available at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/12/covid19-health-advisory-updated-quarantine-guidance-12.26.20.pdf>.