



NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
Dave A. Chokshi, MD, MSc
Commissioner

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND
MENTAL HYGIENE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
FOR THE COVID-19 NYC TEST AND TRACE CORPS PROGRAM**

TO: Individuals who have been identified as cases or suspected cases of COVID-19, and individuals who have been identified as contacts of cases or suspected cases of COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Governor, the Mayor and the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene have declared emergencies in response to the threat posed by COVID-19, and such emergencies continue; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 205.2 requiring all travelers entering New York from anywhere other than Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania or Vermont to quarantine for a period up to 14 days, in order to protect New York from community transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 NYC Test and Trace Corps Program identifies individuals who are cases, suspected cases, and contacts of cases or suspected cases, as defined in section 11.01 of the New York City Health Code (the “Health Code”), and advises them of the need to quarantine or isolate themselves to prevent further spread of COVID-19, and offers them medical and supportive services (the “Test and Trace Program”); and

WHEREAS, section 556 of the New York City Charter (the “Charter”) and section 3.01 of the Health Code authorize the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the “Department”) to supervise the control of communicable diseases and conditions hazardous to life and health and take such actions as may be necessary to assure the maintenance of the protection of public health; and

WHEREAS, section 11.23 of the Health Code authorizes the Department to take appropriate steps when a case, contact, or carrier of a contagious disease, or a suspected case, contact or carrier of a contagious disease may, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene, pose an imminent threat to the public health resulting in severe morbidity or high mortality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Test and Trace Program shall continue to contact individuals who have been identified as cases or suspected cases of COVID-19, or as contacts of cases or suspected cases of COVID-19, or as having traveled from a location that requires they quarantine in New York City (“Contacted Individuals”) to provide them with information about the need to quarantine or isolate in accordance with guidance from the Department and the State Department of Health.

2. Contacted Individuals who are required to quarantine or isolate should remain in quarantine or isolation for the time specified by the Test and Trace Program.
3. During Contacted Individuals' period of isolation or quarantine they shall communicate with the Test and Trace Program to determine whether they are remaining in quarantine or isolation or are in need of any services.

Contacted Individuals may at any time apply to request release from this Order. Please email the Office of the General Counsel, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 42-09 28th Street, Long Island City, NY 11101-4132; OGC@health.nyc.gov. Requests made outside of business hours will be considered as soon as possible.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in effect until the end of the public health emergency, or such earlier time as indicated by the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Dated: 11/23/20



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