



**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF
HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE
REGARDING
SCHOOLS IN CLUSTER ACTION INITIATIVE ZONES**

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2020, I issued an “Order of the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene to Cease In-Person Instruction in Certain Areas of the City” in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order No. 202.68; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced new guidelines related to his Executive Order No. 202.68, and on November 3, 2020, the New York State Department of Health issued “Interim Guidance on COVID-19 Test-Out for Public and Non-Public Schools Located in Areas Designated as ‘Red or Orange Micro-Cluster Zones’ under the New York State Micro-cluster Action Initiative”¹; and

WHEREAS, on November 12 and 14, 2020,^{2,3} the New York State Department of Health issued addenda to its October 9, 2020 guidance, “Interim Guidance on Mandatory COVID-19 Testing in Public and Non-Public Schools Located in Areas Designated as ‘Yellow Zones’ Under the New York State Cluster Action Initiative”⁴;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Commissioner’s Order issued on October 12, 2020, entitled “Order of the Commissioner of Health and Mental Hygiene to Cease In-Person Instruction in Certain Areas of the City,” is hereby **MODIFIED** to the extent necessary to conform to the New York State Department of Health guidance issued on November 3, 2020, and the addenda to the October 9, 2020 guidance issued on November 12 and 14, 2020, as such documents relate to schools located in Red Zones, Orange Zones, and Yellow Zones, as such zones may be designated by the New York State Department of Health.

Dated: November 30, 2020

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Commissioner

¹ Available at https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/11/guidance-for-school-test-out-in-red-and-orange-zones_0.pdf.

² Available at https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/11/supplemental-guidance_yellow-zone-school-testing-11.12.2020_0.pdf.

³ Available at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/11/yellow-zone-update-11.14.20-addendum-final.pdf>.

⁴ Available at https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/10/guidance_for_school_testing_in_yellow_zone10_9_2020.pdf.