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ATTENTION

Public Health Alert

DATE: December 21, 2020

SUBJECT: 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
Quarantine Duration

We have received many questions about a shortened quarantine period. The CDC continues to endorse quarantine for 14 days and recognizes that any quarantine shorter than 14 days balances reduced burden against a small possibility of spreading the virus. The CDC also acknowledges that your local health department has the final authority about how long quarantine should last. Below remains our position.

- At this time, non-travel quarantine for COVID-19 in New York State remains 14 days.
- All NYS entities are subject to NYS laws, regulations, and executive orders; these supersede CDC guidance.
- Unless NYS issues written changes to one of the above, the duration of non-travel quarantine for COVID-19 in NYS remains unchanged and is 14 days.
- Please also be reminded that Westchester County DOH or NYSDOH are the only entities that can legally release a Westchester County resident from quarantine (or isolation) – providers do not have the authority to do so.

Thank you for your continued support.