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Daily coverage of state actions surrounding COVID-19

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Governor's Briefing For April 20

Total Positive Cases: 247,512
Newly reported cases: 4,726
Deaths: 14,347
Regional breakdown by County:*

NYC	136,806	Rensselaer	177	Orleans	46
Nassau	30,677	Steuben	167	Livingston	39
Suffolk	27,662	Genesee	119	Tioga	37
Westchester	24,306	Tompkins	119	Cayuga	36
Rockland	9,457	Columbia	111	Wyoming	36
Orange	6,482	St. Lawrence	110	Montgomery	35
Dutchess	2,284	Madison	106	Cattaraugus	34
Erie	2,109	Warren	101	Allegany	30
Monroe	1,054	Greene	86	Fulton	27
Ulster	877	Chenango	78	Chautauqua	25
Albany	687	Chemung	73	Cortland	25
Putnam	599	Ontario	71	Essex	20
Sullivan	544	Washington	65	Schoharie	20
Onondaga	509	Jefferson	54	Seneca	18
Oneida	279	Clinton	51	Franklin	13

Schenectady	-	269	Wayne	-	50	Yates	-	10
Niagara	-	255	Delaware	-	49	Lewis	-	9
Saratoga	-	254	Herkimer	-	49	Schuyler	-	7
Broome	-	199	Otsego	-	49	Hamilton	-	3
			Oswego	-	48			

*Data reported by DOH as of 4/20/20 @ 2:00 pm
Data Reported by the CDC - Nationwide Cases

The Governor held his **daily briefing** on Monday from the Red Room where he announced 4,726 new cases of novel coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 247,512 cases. The Governor also confirmed 478 additional deaths, bringing that total to 14,347.

The Governor announced the creation of the Reimagine NY Task Force toimprove systems in downstate New York once the state is no longer on pause. The Task Force will be led by the state with New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and will be comprised of other local elected officials and housing and transportation experts.

The Governor, in addition to reiterating the need for federal funding to state and local governments, also called on the federal government to provide hazard pay for essential public workers on the front lines, proposing a 50 percent bonus for these workers. The state is launching a new partnership with Ready Responders to bring health care services, including COVID-19 diagnostic testing, to residents of public housing in New York City.

During the question and answer segment of the briefing, the Governor suggested that the state was reviewing the potential of allowing upstate hospitals to resume elective surgeries and suggested a policy would be announced on Tuesday.

Executive Order No. 202.22

The Governor issued **Executive Order #202.22** ("EO 2020.22") which modifies various provisions of Law to continue the State's response efforts tothe outbreak of COVID-19 under the declared state of emergency. The order addresses the following:

- Provides various changes to local tax assessment roll proceedings including a 30 day grace period for each of the filing of the tentative assessment rolls and the final **assessment rolls** filed by a locality, with complaints to be heard at least 21 days from the tentative filing. Notice for filing of the tentative roll may solely be done online provided that such date for hearing complaints is prominently posted. Complaints shall be heard and conducted remotely or by conference call and be available for public view or listening.

- Permits the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance to certify final state equalization rate, class ratios, and class equalization rates , if required, no later than ten days prior to the last date set by law for levy of taxes of any municipal corporation.
- Affords certain negotiations between Westchester County Executive and local officials regarding taxes and percentages of taxes, or assessments which are normally due on May 25, along with determination for waiver of interest or late payment penalties.
- Affords the supervisor of a town in Westchester County to waive certainpayment of penalties for late payment of county and county district taxes under section 283.221 up to July 15, 2020, and similarly town and town district taxes and assessments provided a demonstration of hardship under the County executive's criteria. This EO affords similar waivers by city mayors of city taxes or assessments under the County Executive's criteria for demonstration of hardship.
- Permits the Nassau County executive to extend until June 1, 2020 the deadline to pay the final one-half of school taxes without interest or penalty.

Nursing Home Transparency Now Required Nationwide

On April 4, 2020, the Department of Health (DOH) issued **guidance**requesting that nursing homes (NHs) and adult care facilities (ACFs) implement communication protocols to notify **residents and their families**of the suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 including an outline for infection control procedures.

On April 16th, the Governor issued **Executive Order #202.18** which includes a directive for NHs and ACFs to notify residents and their families if any resident tests positive for COVID-19, or if any resident suffers a COVID-19related death, within 24 hours of such positive test result or death. As such information is also required to be reported to the State DOH and local health departments, the DOH has posted last week the aggregate **COVID-19 related fatalities** in NHs and ACFS in addition to a partial report of the COVID-19related fatalities in NHs and ACFs which presented specific facility related fatality data where the facility reported greater than five COVID-19 related fatalities.

On April 19th, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced **new regulatory requirements** to now also require nursing homes nationwide to inform residents, their families and representatives of COVID-19cases (staff or residents) and/or deaths in their facilities. Furthermore, this regulatory requirement now requires these facilities to report cases of COVID-19 directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) augmenting currently state and local requirements. CDC will provide a reporting tool to nursing homes to support efforts to collect nationwide data toenhance surveillance and response, and such data will be available to the public.

New York Implements a COVID-19 Maternity Task Force

New York State has established a **COVID-19 Maternity Task Force** chaired by Melissa DeRosa and will be comprised of stakeholders from obstetrical providers, pediatric care providers and family planning agencies in conjunction with the DOH. The list of members is available below:

- Christy Turlington Burns, founder of Every Mother Counts
- Christa Christakis, MPP - Executive Director, American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists District II
- Sascha James-Conterelli, DNP, RN, CNM, FACNM - President, NYS Association of Licensed Midwives
- Loretta Willis, Vice President Quality & Research, Healthcare Association of NYS
- Lorraine Ryan, Sr. VP Legal Regulatory & Professional Affairs Greater NY Hospital Association
- Rose Duhan, President & CEO, Community Health Care Association of NYS
- Ngozi Moses, Executive Director Brooklyn Perinatal Network
- Nan Strauss - Every Mother Counts
- Dr. Deborah E. Campbell, MD - Montefiore Medical Center
- Whitney Hall, CCE, LM, CLC – President, NYS Association of Birth Centers
- Natasha Nurse-Clarke, PhD, RN - Regional Perinatal Center Coordinator, Maimonides
- Dr. Dena Goffman, MD - NYP/Columbia
- Rev. Diann Holt - Founder/Executive Director Durham's Baby Café
- Cynthia Jones, MD, MPH - Mosaic Health Center

The team is tasked to examine the best approach to authorize and certify additional dedicated birthing centers and will be working with Regional Perinatal Centers to make recommendations to the state regarding the impact of COVID-19 on pregnancy.

SAMHSA Begins Releasing $110 Million for Treatment Services During COVID-19

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has begun to **expedite the process** to release emergency grants that will strengthen access to treatments for substance use disorders and serious mental illnesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announcement, **grants** total $110 million and will provide up to $2 million for successful state applicants and up to$500,000 for successful territory and tribal applicants for 16 months.

Guidance and Agency Updates

Department of Health

Discontinuation of Isolation for Patients with COVID-19 Upon Certain Criteria – DOH has issued a **health advisory** regarding the discontinuation of isolation for patients with COVID-19 who are hospitalized or in nursing homes, adult care homes, or other congregate settings with vulnerable resident when they meet the following conditions:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; **AND**
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);**AND**
- At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

DOH recommends discontinuation of transmission-based precautions for patients with COVID-19 under more stringent conditions and criteria outlined in this guidance, due to the vulnerability and potentially longer periods of infectivity of patients and residents.

ACF Infection Prevention Control Self-Assessment Checklist – DOH has posted an adult care facility (ACFs) **COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control(IPC) preparedness checklist**, meant to be a self-assessment tool for to ensure ACFs have all IPC elements in place when encountering a suspected, confirmed or possible COVID-19 case in the facility. This document will continue to be updated as the situation evolves.

DOH Issues a Special Edition Medicaid Update – The DOH has issued a special edition of the Medicaid Update - **April 2020 Special Edition COVID-19** regarding the New York State Medicaid program's launch of Online Medicaid Provider Enrollment during the state's COVID-19 public health emergency. The online service offers a streamlined process for those providers interested in offering Medicaid services.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has allowed states temporary flexibility to enroll temporary Medicaid providers in fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid while addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. This update details actions taken to implement and streamline this process including, but not limited to, the creation of a *Provisional Temporary Provider Enrollment*(PTPE) application process; waiver of certain fees, screening requirements; and in-state licensure requirements. This PTPE is only available for the duration of the public health emergency and is currently ONLY available tocertain providers to include Nurse LPNs, Nurse RN's, Nurse Practitioners, Physicians, and registered Physician Assistants.

NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES)

Updated Guidance Regarding FEMA Funding - NYS DHSES has issued updated guidance regarding Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

that may be available under the major disaster declaration for COVID-19 (DR-4480). The updated guidance includes an **updated Public Assistance FAQs**document offering additional responses to questions regarding eligibility and the application process, eligibility of **donated resources** to offset the non-federal share of eligible emergency works, and guidance regarding **reasonable cost evaluations**.

Additionally, FEMA has provided guidance regarding the **purchase and distribution of food eligible for public assistance**.

NYS DHSES continues to encourage eligible applicant to submit their applications as soon as possible, despite that no deadline has yet been imposed. An updated schedule of the remaining NYS DHSES webinars on the Public Assistance program can be found **here**.

Empire State Development

Updated Guidance on Essential Business – ESD **updated guidance** on essential businesses and entities, to include updates regarding recreation. Specifically, the guidance extends the essential business classification tomarinas, boatyards, and recreational marine manufacturers, for ongoing marina operations and boat repair/maintenance. These entities are added tothe essential business list provided that the use of such sites is for personal use only and further provided that no establishment offer chartered watercraft services or rentals. Restaurant activity at such sites are limited to take-out or delivery only.

State Education Department

Updated Guidance – SED has issued the following updated guidance:

- **Updated Guidance** on Work-Based Learning Programs
- **Updated Guidance** on Appearance Enhancement Programs
- **Updated Guidance** on Driver and Traffic Safety Education

Required Actions and Funding Levels for Target Districts – SED **issued a memo** to update the 2019-20 requirements for Target Districts, Comprehensive Support and Improvement Schools (CSI), and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) schools.

Office of Mental Health

Effective Date of OMH COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Telemental Health and Program Guidance – OMH issued **guidance** regarding the effective date of previous telemental health and program guidance, clarifying that the guidance listed may be operationalized retroactive to March 7, 2020.

Document Links and Resources

Chaptered in the Laws of 2020
3/18/20 - **Paid Leave for Employees Quarantined** Chapter 25 of 2020
3/2/20 – **Emergency Appropriation Bill** Chapter 23 of 2020.

Executive Orders issued
4/20/2020 - **Executive Order #202.22**
4/19/2020 - **Executive Order # 202.21**
4/18/2020 - **Executive Order # 202.20**
4/17/2020 - **Executive Order # 202.19**
4/16/2020 - **Executive Order # 202.18**
4/15/2020 - **Executive Order # 202.17**
4/13/20 – **Executive Order #202.16**
4/9/20 – **Executive Order #202.15**
4/7/20 - **Executive Order #202.14**
3/30/20 - **Executive Order #202.13**
3/28/20 - **Executive Order #202.12**
3/27/20 – **Executive Order #202.11**
3/23/20 – **Executive Order #202.10**
3/21/20 – **Executive Order #202.8** & **Executive Order #202.9**
3/19/20 - **Executive Order #202.7**
3/18/20 - **Executive Order #202.6** & **Executive Order #202.5**
3/16/20 – **Executive Order #202.4** & **Executive Order #202.3**
3/15/20 – **Executive Order #202.2**
3/14/20 – **Executive Order #202.1**
3/7/20 – **Executive Order #202**

DOH Guidance and Regulations
4/20/20 - Guidance and Health Advisory
- **Discontinuation of Isolation for Patients with COVID-19 Upon Certain Criteria**
- **ACF Infection Prevention Control Self-Assessment Checklist**
- Medicaid Update - **April 2020 Special Edition COVID-19**

4/19/20 – Guidance
- **CMS – Nursing Homes COVID-19 Transparency Effort**

4/17/20 - Advisory
- **Groups at Higher Risk for Severe Illness From COVID-19**

4/14/20 – Guidance and News Updates
- **CMS – Supplemental Information for Transferring or Discharging Residents Between LTC Facilities**
- **CMS – FAQs for PACE Program Community**
- **State Selects to Use a "Choice Model" for Implementation of EVV**
- **State Posts COVID-19 Related Fatalities Within Nursing Homes & ACFs**

4/13/20 - Guidance
- **Long Term Care Facility COVID-19 Preparedness Checklist**
- **DHDTC DAL 20-09** - Emergency Approval for Hospitals Seeking toIncrease Providers

- **Drug Treatment Information for COVID-19 Patients Under Medicaid**

4/10/20 - Guidance and Health Advisory

- **Regulatory Relief for Home Care Providers**
- **Guidance to Funeral Directors**
- **Health Advisory Regarding Collection of COVID-19 Testing Demographic Information**

4/9/20 - Health Advisories and Guidance

- **Use of Cloth Face Coverings**
- **Sexual and Reproductive Health Services are Essential Services**
- **Local Health Department (LHD) Contact Investigations**
- **Hospital ER Treatment of Sexual Assault Patients During the COVID-19 State of Emergency**
- **CMS Releases Waiver for Paid Feeding Assistants in Nursing Homes**
- **Hospital Discharges and Admissions to ACFs**
- **DOH Guidance for Dialysis Treatment**
- **CMS Guidance for Dialysis Facilities During COVID-19**

4/8/20 - Guidance

- **MCO Contracting and Surveillance Relief**
- **1915(c) Children's Waiver HCBS – Respite Services**
- **Updated Guidance for LTSS Under Medicaid**
- **Adult Social Day Care (SDC) Services to MLTC Members**
- **Medicaid Pharmacy Guidance**

4/6/20 - Guidance

- **Expediting of NEMT for MLTC Members** and **NEMT Provider FAQs**

4/4/20 - Waiver & Guidance

- **NH and ACF Resident and Family Communications**
- **1135 Approval to Waive Nurse Aides Training and Certification**

4/3/20 - Guidance

- **Suspension of Health Plan Utilization Reviews**

4/2/20 - Information

- **Medicaid Eligibility During COVID-19**

3/31/20 - FAQs and Guidance

- **Premium Payment and Grace Period Rules**
- **DOH and NYSOH Guidance on Insurance Premiums**
- **Telehealth / Telephonic Services – FAQ's**
- **CFTSS and Children's HCBS Requirements**

3/27/20 - Guidance

- **Infection Control in NYS DOH Supportive Housing Programs**

3/26/20

- **COVID-19 Infection Control Guidance for NHs and ACFs**

3/26/20 – U.S. HHS

- **HHS FAQs on Telehealth and HIPAA**

3/25/20 –Waiver Request

- **Medicaid 1135 Waiver Request**

3/25/20 – Guidance and Update

- **Hospital Discharge and Admission to Nursing Home**
- **DOH Submits Medicaid 1135 Waiver Request**

3/23/20 – Guidance

- **Revised Medicaid Update - Telehealth / Telephonic Services**

3/22/20 - Guidance

- **Guidance Regarding ACF Operations During COVID-19Outbreak**

3/21/20 – Guidance and COVID-19 FAQs

- **COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions**
- **Guidance - NHs and ACFs in Areas of Sustained Transmission Presumption of COVID-19**
- **Medicaid Update COVID-19 Telephonic and Telehealth**
- **Facilitated Enrollment Agencies for the Aged, Blind and Disabled**
- **Medicaid Program - Transportation Management**

3/19/20 - Guidance

- **Children and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS)**

3/18/20 - CMS Guidance Issued

- **Guidance to PACE Organizations in Response to COVID-19**

3/17/20 - Guidance

- **Immediate Temporary Suspension of Adult Care Facilities Day Programs for Non-Residents**

3/16/20 - Medicaid Pharmacy Guidance

- **Medicaid Pharmacy Guidance during Declared Disaster Emergency**

3/15/20 - Guidance - Home Health Care, HCBS and Health Home (HH)

- **HCBS Providers Serving Children Under 1915(c) Waiver - COVID-19**
- **Health Homes Serving Adults & Children and CCO/HH - COVID-19**
- **Home Health Care Agencies and Hospice Providers**

3/13/20 – Guidance Suspending Visitation and Gatherings

- **Suspension of All Visitation in ACFS and Nursing Homes**
- **Interim Guidance for Large Gatherings and Public Spaces During the COVID-19 Outbreak**

3/11/20 - DAL to ACFs

- **DAL #20-10 - COVID-19 Guidance for Adult Care Facilities**

3/11/20 – Cleaning and Disinfection Guidance

- **Food Manufacturing Facilities or Food Retail Stores**
- **Public and Private Facilities**
- **Public Transportation Settings**
- **Houses of Worship**
- **For Schools**
- **Non-Healthcare Setting**
- **List of Products** To Disinfect COVID-19

3/9/20 – Emergency Regulations

- **Investigation of Communicable Disease; Isolation and Quarantine**

2/26/20 – Emergency Proposed/Regulations

- **Emergency/Proposed Regulations – Communicable Diseases Reporting and Control** – Adding Severe or Novel Coronavirus

DFS Guidance and Regulations

4/17/20 - Department Order
- **Temporary Regulatory Relief for New York - Chartered Financial Institutions**

4/14/20 – FAQs
- **FAQs for Insurance Industry**

4/13/20 - Guidance
- **DFS Regulated Entities Regarding Cybersecurity**

4/8/20 - Emergency Regulations
- **Insurance Premium Payment "Grace Period"**

4/7/20 – Guidance
- **State-Regulated Student Loan Servicers – Borrow Reliefs**
- **Insurers' Challenges for Delivery Notices**

4/5/20 - Guidance
- **Industry Letter - Paycheck Protection Loan Program**
- **Electronic Delivery of Notices**

3/31/20 - Emergency Adoption of Regulations
- **Grace Period for Life Insurance Premium Payments**

3/25/20 – Guidance
- **Insurance Circular Letter No. 9 (2020)** - Coronavirus and Insurance Producer Licensing Requirements

3/24/20 – Emergency Regulations
- **Relief for NY'ers who Demonstrate Hardships**

3/19/20 – **Circular Letter #8**
- **Insurers to Suspend Pre-Authorization and Administrative Requirements During COVID-19**

3/19/20 – Circular Letter #7
- **Regulated Insurance Entities Regarding Support for Consumers and Businesses impacted by COVID-19**

3/16/20 – Special Enrollment Period (SEP)
- **NYSOH and DFS Announce SEP beginning 3/16 until 4/16**

3/16/20 – Emergency Adoption of Regulations
- **Prohibits Insurers From Imposing Cost-Sharing, Copayments, Coinsurance, or Annual Deductibles During Declared State of Emergency for Telehealth Services for COVID-19**

3/13/20 – Emergency Adoption of Regulations
- **Prohibits Insurers From Imposing Cost-Sharing, Copayments, Coinsurance, or Annual Deductibles for COVID-19**

3/11/20 – **DFS Issues Circular Letter #5**
- Chief Executive Officers or the Equivalents of DFS Regulated Insurance Entities

3/6/20 – **DFS Issues Insurance Circular Letter #4**
- All Authorized Property/Casualty Insurers and Licensed Travel Insurance Producers "*Cancel For Any Reason*" Travel Benefits

3/3/20 – **DFS Issues Insurance Circular Letter #3**

- This circular letter urges participation of health insurance plans to reduce the barriers to individuals being tested for the virus.

SED and Higher Ed Guidance and Regulations

4/19/20 - Updated Guidance and Memo

- **Updated Guidance** on Work-Based Learning Programs
- **Updated Guidance** on Appearance Enhancement Programs
- **Updated Guidance** on Driver and Traffic Safety Education
- **Required Actions and Funding Levels for Target Districts**

4/17/20 - Invitation Letter

- **CTE and Adult Education Fiscal Waiver** and **Optional Template**

4/16/20 – Emergency Regulations

- SED's Office of Special Education - **Special Education Programs and Services and Due Process Procedures**

4/14/20 – Funding

- U.S. Department of Education - **Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund**

4/13/20 – Guidance

- **Donation or Loan of Federally Funded PPE and Other Medical Supplies**

4/10/20 – Guidance

- **Guidance on Clinical Hour Requirements** – Home Health Aides, Nurse Aid, EMTs

4/9/20 - Guidance

- SED's Office of Special Education - **Subject Area Certification Requirements, SOCE Application Deadline Extension, and Teaching Experience**
- U.S. Department of Education - **Announces $6 Billion Distribution to Colleges and Universities** - **Allocation List** and **Reporting Requirements**

4/7/20 – Guidance

- **Graduation and Course Requirement Changes** due to COVID-19School Closures

4/6/20 – Emergency Regulations

- **Easing the Burden on Educators, Students and Professionals**due to COVID-19

4/5/20 – Guidance and Federal Guidance

- SED - **Emergency Regulations - Flexibility** and **Presentation Slides**
- US Department of Education – **Streamlined Funding and Flexibilities for States**

3/31/20 - Guidance

- **Special Education Guidance** - During school closures.

3/27/20 - Guidance

- **Request for a Waiver of Assessments** & **"Q&A Document"**
- **WIOA Performance Accountability Provisions - FAQs**

3/23/20 – Guidelines – Revised

- **Adult Education Programs revised guidelines**

3/22/20 – U.S. Department of Education

- **Supplemental Fact Sheet - Addressing Risk of COVID-19 inSchools Serving Children with Disabilities**

3/19/20 – Statement

- **Suspension of Elementary and Intermediate Level State Assessments**

3/18/20 - Guidance

- **District Plans for Childcare, Meals and Instruction**

3/13/20 - Preliminary Guidance

- **Preparation of School Districts for COVID-19 Outbreak**
- **Bureau of Proprietary Schools Supervision**

3/9/20 – Additional Guidance

- SED and DOH issued additional **guidance** for PreK-12 schools

3/2/20 – Higher Education **Update**

Department of Labor (DOL), Empire State Development (ESD) Guidance and Regulations

4/19/20 – Announcements & Updated Guidance

- **Multi-State Task Force on Economic Restart**
- ESD - **Updated Guidance on Essential Business** - Marinas and Boatyards

4/17/20 - Revised Guidance

- ESD - Update to Workforce Reduction Measures - **Golf Courses**

4/10/20 – FAQ

- U.S. Department of Treasury – **Updated Paycheck Protection Program FAQs**

4/9/20 - Guidance

- ESD - **Updated Guidance to Assist Businesses in Determining Whether they are Essential or Non-Essential**

3/25/2020 – Guidance

- **US DOL Guidance on New Federal Sick Leave**

3/23/20 – FAQ Document

- ESD – **Question and Answers Regarding EO #202.8 - Non-essential Services**

3/22/20 – Guidance

- State Liquor Authority - **Restrictions and Allowances for Licensees Regarding To-Go & Delivery Sales**

Additional Resources:

- New York Paid Family Leave COVID-19: **Frequently Asked Questions**
- Small Business Administration (SBA) COVID-19 **Loans**

Mental Hygiene, Office of Children & Family Services (OCFS) and Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) Guidance and Regulations

4/20/20 - OMH Guidance

- **Effective Date of OMH COVID-19 Disaster Emergency Telemental Health and Program Guidance**

4/16/20 - Guidance

- **Program and Billing - Adult Behavioral Health Home and Community Based Services and Recovery Coordination**

4/14/20 – OMH Guidance and CDC Guidance

- Program and Billing Guidance
  - **Assertive Community Treatment Programs**
  - **Adult Continuing Day Treatment Programs**
  - **Children's Day Treatment Programs**
  - **Partial Hospitalization Programs**
  - **Personalized Recovery Oriented Services**
- Documentation Guidance
  - **Adult and Children's Residential Programs**
  - **Children's Residential Treatment Facilities**
  - **Clinic Treatment Programs**
- **Infection Control Guidance - Revised**
- CDC **- Supplemental Guidance on Child Care**

4/10/20 – Notice & Guidance

- OTDA - **Notice to All Recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**
- OCFS - **Foster Parent Certification and Reauthorization Guidance**

4/8/20 - Guidance

- OCFS – **Child Care Employment Guidance**
- OCFS – **Mandatory Use of Cloth Masks in the Workplace**
- OCFS- **Domestic Violence Residential Programs: Requesting a Waiver to the Maximum Length of Stay**
- OCFS- **Respite Services: Guidance for 1915(c) Children's Waiver**

4/6/20 – Guidance

- OMH- **OMH PC COVID-19 Screening State PC Admissions Form**
- OTDA - **COVID-19 Emergency Relief - Treatment of Families First Coronavirus Response Act payments for Temporary Assistance (TA), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

4/4/20 – Guidance

- OMH - **RTF Provider Treatment Planning Standards During COVID-19 Emergency**

4/1/20 – Guidance

- OTDA **- Income Guidelines for Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) and Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF)**

3/30/20 - FAQ

- OMH – **Supportive Housing FAQ**
- OMH – **Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) FAQ**
- OMH – **Disaster Emergency FAQ**

3/25/20 - Guidance

- OPWDD - **Staff Guidance for the Management of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Facilities or Programs Operated and/or Certified by OPWDD**

3/24/20 – Guidance

- OPWDD - **COVID-19 Suspension of Community Outings and Home Visits**

QUICK LINKS

NYS Department of Health --- NYS DOH –Meetings, Hearings & Special Events --- Medicaid Redesign Team --- Senate Health Committee Website --- Assembly Health Committee Updates --- NYS Division of Budget

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