

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF CORTLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

In the Matter of

The **Quarantine** of

Pursuant to Section 2100 of the Public Health Law and the Cortland
County Sanitary Code

**PUBLIC HEALTH
DIRECTOR'S
ORDER**

WHEREAS, 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is an infection associated with fever and signs and symptoms of pneumonia or other respiratory illness, appears to be transmitted from person to person predominantly through droplet transmission and, if spread in the population, could have significant public health consequences; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization designated the 2019-nCoV outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising that further cases may appear in any country; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to 2019-nCoV; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo declared a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York to aid the state and local governments in responding adequately to 2019-nCoV; and

WHEREAS, Section 2100 of the Public Health Law mandates that all local health officers, being Commissioners of Health and Public Health Directors, as the case may be, of County Health Departments, guard against the introduction of such communicable diseases as are designated in the State Sanitary Code, by the exercise of proper and vigilant medical inspection and control of all persons and things infected with or exposed to such diseases; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2020, pursuant to 10 NYCRR Section 2.1(a), Dr. Howard A. Zucker, as Commissioner of Health of the State of New York, designated 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as a communicable disease under the State Sanitary Code;

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2020 the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council ratified the designation of 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as a communicable disease under the New York State Sanitary Code through the adoption of emergency regulations amending 10 NYCRR Section 2.1;

WHEREAS, 10 NYCRR 2.25(f) defines “personal quarantine” as “restricting household contacts and/or incidental contacts to premises designated by the health officer”;

WHEREAS, 10 NYCRR 2.29 provides that whenever a highly communicable disease (as defined in 10 NYCRR Section 2.1) comes to the attention of the local health officer of a county, such local health officer shall isolate such patients as in her judgement she deems necessary;

WHEREAS, as of March 12, 2020, the NYSDOH guidance indicates that persons living in the same household as, having a known, unprotected exposure to a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed nCoV infection, confirmed being an intimate partner of, or providing care in a non-healthcare setting (such as a home) for a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed nCoV infection (or diagnosed clinically with nCoV infection outside of the U.S. without laboratory confirmation), without using recommended precautions for home care and home isolation, will require quarantine;

WHEREAS, the CDC and/or other federal or state authorities have identified you as:

- **Having a known, unprotected exposure to a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed nCoV infection, without using recommended precautions for home care and home isolation**

AND THEREFORE, movement restrictions are appropriate consistent with the CDC’s guidance issued on March 7, 2020 and the NYSDOH guidance issued on March 9, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 2100 of the Public Health Law of the State of New York and 10 NYCRR 2.25(f) and the Cortland County Sanitary Code, as Public Health Director of Cortland County, I do hereby:

ORDER that, effective upon your receipt of this order, you are hereby directed to travel directly to, if not already located there, and remain **quarantine**

at _____, as a result of having been exposed to a communicable disease as defined in 10 NYCRR Section 2.1, specifically 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), consistent with the CDC guidance issued on March 7, 2020 and the NYSDOH guidance issued on March 9, 2020 as described above, until _____

Persons in violation of this order are considered guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to law enforcement involvement, penalties and/or fines as described in the Cortland County Sanitary Code.

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY give notice that you have a right to be represented by legal counsel or to have counsel provided and that if you qualify to have counsel provided, such counsel will be made available. Moreover, you may supply to the County Health Department the addresses and/or telephone numbers of friends and/or relatives to receive notification of your quarantine. At your request, the County Health Department shall provide notice to a reasonable number of such persons that you are being quarantined.

If you are deemed as an essential employee, you may travel to and from work and are expected to follow essential worker quarantine guidance while at work.

DATED: CORTLAND, NEW YORK

Lisa Perfetti
INTERIM PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR
COUNTY OF CORTLAND