



Criteria for Educators, First Responders and Health Care Workers

Commissioner's Order to Test For COVID-19

DOHMH is monitoring COVID-19 activity and will implement the March 5, 2020 Commissioner Order in accordance with public health guidelines as appropriate for conditions in New York City. Below is revised criteria in light of evolving conditions in New York City.

If you are an educator, first responder or healthcare worker employed by the City of New York, the New York City Department of Education, and the Health + Hospitals Corporation, you are subject to the Order of the Health Commissioner issued on March 5, 2020 and may be required to be tested for COVID-19 or, if you decline to be tested, to be under quarantine. The Health Commissioner may require testing or quarantine if she determines that you may present an imminent threat to the public health resulting in severe morbidity or high mortality, in accordance with accepted public health guidelines or information about the contagious period of COVID-19.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene will contact you if testing or quarantine is required.

If you are not feeling well, stay home. Consult your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider call 311. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough and/or shortness of breath should stay home until they are free of symptoms for 72 hours.

If you recently returned from travel in China, Iran, South Korea, Italy or Japan, review the information on the DOHMH website about self-monitoring and how and when you can go back to work or school.