

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE SPRING 2019 MEASLES OUTBREAK,  
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC OF 2020 AND  
THE POLIO OUTBREAK OF 2022

Under and Pursuant to the Public Health Law of the State of  
New York, and the New York Sanitary Code

**PUBLIC HEALTH  
DIRECTOR'S STANDING  
ORDER, CHILDREN'S  
CAMPS**

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan region of New York State, including Sullivan County, has seen a historic detection and resurgence of poliomyelitis; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan region of New York State, including Sullivan County has seen a significant rise in Pertussis; and

WHEREAS, New York State experienced the largest outbreak of measles since 1989 during the summer of 2019, and at least 19 confirmed cases were located in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, outbreaks of vaccine preventable diseases frequently occur in areas where people are unvaccinated or under-vaccinated; and

WHEREAS, Measles is a highly infectious disease that may cause seizures, pneumonia, blindness, and death; and

WHEREAS, Polio is a life altering, deadly infectious disease which is extremely contagious and can lead to long term disability; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has positive detection of the polio virus via PCR testing as well as strain identifying sequencing with 13 samples identified in Sullivan County in 2022; 2 were collected in July, 5 were collected in August, 5 were collected in September, and 1 was collected in October; and

WHEREAS, Pertussis cases have continued to increase annually. Pertussis can result in seizures, brain damage and death; and

WHEREAS, Pertussis, Measles and Polio are all vaccine preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has been actively investigating the current resurgence in previously well controlled diseases in the United States as well as globally. Vaccine preventable diseases kill an estimated 1.5 million people world-wide each year; and

WHEREAS, there are over 170 permitted summer camps for children which operate in Sullivan County which increases the risk of infectious disease outbreaks significantly; and,

WHEREAS, Summer camps are congregate settings where communicable diseases such as measles, pertussis, polio and other vaccine preventable diseases can rapidly spread; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Public Health Law, the County Board of Health is authorized to adopt Public Health Order No 1-2023, which Order shall regulate attendance at summer camps for campers and staff based on evidence of all vaccines listed by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended Vaccine Schedule or a valid medical exemption pursuant to the State Sanitary Code; and

WHEREAS, required vaccinations include; Diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and pertussis vaccine (DTaP or Tdap), hepatitis B vaccine, measles, mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR), polio vaccine, meningitis vaccine, and varicella (chickenpox) vaccine; and

WHEREAS, an exclusion list of under and unvaccinated campers and staff must be kept on record for inspection by Public Health Staff in the event of an exposure to an infectious individual; and

WHEREAS, upon advice from the County Public Health Director, said Order is necessary and proper for the preservation of life and health, to reduce morbidity and mortality from preventable communicable disease, and to properly execute and enforce the New York State Health Law, including 2100, as well as other associated Rules and Regulations, including but not limited to those related to communicable diseases and outbreaks of diseases as defined in 10 NYCRR 2.2.

ORDERED, that a copy of this Public Health Director's Order shall be posted at the children's camp.

Dated:

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Karen Holden, BSN, LNC, RN  
PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR  
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN