

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

No. 2020-10

(QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONS ENTERING CHICAGO FROM HIGH INCIDENCE STATES)

Issued: July 2, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago, like other cities around the world, has been severely affected by COVID-19, with approximately 50,986 confirmed cases in the City as of June 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Through implementing rigorous and sensible public health measures, the City of Chicago has successfully slowed the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot has undertaken a cautious, incremental and evidence-based approach to reopening the City of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Certain other cities and states are experiencing a significantly increased prevalence of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary and appropriate to put in place measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Chicago as a result of people entering Chicago from high incidence states; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Code of Chicago (“Code”) authorizes the Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago (“Commissioner”) to implement emergency measures to stop the spread of communicable diseases, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City’s residents, including but not limited to authority granted in Sections 2-112-080, 2-112-160(a)(4), and 2-112-170 of the Code, in addition to 77 Ill. Adm. Code Sections 690.1310 and 690.1330; now, therefore,

The Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago hereby orders as follows:

SECTION 1. All persons entering the City of Chicago from a state with a COVID-19 new case rate greater than 15 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 resident population per day, over a 7-day rolling average (“High Incidence State”) shall be subject to mandatory self-quarantine for 14 days or the duration of the person’s presence in Chicago, whichever is shorter, unless exempted in a protocol issued pursuant to Section 2 of this Order.

SECTION 2. The Commissioner shall issue protocols governing application of this Order. Such protocols shall include an exception to the self-quarantine requirement of this Order for “essential workers,” as defined in the protocols. The protocols may include other exceptions to self-quarantine that in the sole judgment of the Commissioner are necessary or appropriate to cover situations when self-quarantine is not possible, practicable or advisable, provided such exceptions continue to safeguard the public health. Such protocols may also contain guidance for businesses to implement rules governing their employees’ business and personal travel.

SECTION 3. The Chicago Department of Public Health shall make public the High Incidence States on its website.

SECTION 4. The Commissioner may take immediate action to protect the public from COVID-19 when a person enters the City of Chicago from a High Incidence State or jurisdiction, including, pursuant to City of Chicago Isolation and Quarantine Rules and 77 Ill. Adm. Code 690.1330, issuing a written or verbal order of quarantine to the person or group of persons.

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of every person subject to this Order to comply with this Order. Any person who violates this Order shall be subject to applicable penalties provided by law.

SECTION 6. This Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 6, 2020 and shall remain in effect until the Commissioner makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable. This Order is meant to be read consistently with any Court order regarding this Order.



Allison Arwady, M.D.,
Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago

Dated: July 2, 2020