

# Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health

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## Public Health Alert

### Online COVID-19 Reporting For Mandated Reporters Available

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*Please Distribute to Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Family Planning, Primary Care, Infectious Diseases, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Laboratory Medicine, Infection Control, and college health offices.*

COVID-19 is a reportable communicable and is mandated under the New York State Sanitary Code (*10NYCRR 2.10*). Physicians, school nurses, laboratory directors, infection control practitioners, daycare center directors, health care facilities, state institutions and any other individuals/locations providing health care services are required to report communicable diseases as mandatory reporters.

**To expedite COVID-19 case investigation, the Department of Behavioral & Community Health (DBCH) has a new online reporting system: [DutchessNY.gov/CDReport](https://DutchessNY.gov/CDReport). Mandatory Reporters are strongly encouraged to use this online system (for COVID-19 reporting only).**

**As a reminder, it is critical to educate patients that:**

- The patient is positive for COVID-19. Please provide necessary documentation to the patient.
- The patient will need to isolate for 10 days following the onset of symptoms, or from the date their COVID-19 test sample was taken. Please see the enclosed isolation protocols to provide to patients.
- A NYS Contact Tracer may call the patient. The patient will need to answer the call to get recent contact history and monitoring. For Caller-ID purposes, "NYS Contact Tracing" (518-387-9993) will appear. **Due to the rapid increase in COVID-19 positive reports, it may take several days before they are contacted.**
- They need to immediately notify close contacts (according to CDC guidance) and advise household contacts they will be subject to mandatory quarantine for 14 days. Close contacts should quarantine for 14 days from the last date of contact with the index case.

Additional information, including the Commissioner's Order, may be found at [DutchessNY.gov/Coronavirus](https://DutchessNY.gov/Coronavirus).

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