

**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR ROCKLAND COUNTY**

Dated: March 26, 2019

There exists in this County a State of Emergency related to the outbreak of measles that has been plaguing us since October 2018. It has been found that a meaningful portion of the County's residents are not vaccinated against the measles, which permits the outbreak to continue.

This emergency directive is necessary because the County is experiencing an outbreak larger in size and duration than any outbreak of that disease in this County in many years. Those jeopardized include infants and those with immune compromised systems, including those already suffering from cancer, the elderly and the infirm.

I find that I must take this step to protect the public safety of the residents and visitors to Rockland County. I must take this step to protect the infants, infirm, and ill of this County who are unable to be vaccinated against the measles or who are immunocompromised. I must make every effort to protect them.

Therefore, in an effort to control this outbreak, and keep the residents and visitors to the County healthy, I declare a State of Emergency and enact this directive pursuant to the powers vested in me by the laws of this State.

Pursuant to the powers vested in me, by virtue of New York State Executive Law § 24, I hereby direct as follows:

Measles Outbreak Emergency Directive

I. Prohibitions

From the execution of this emergency directive until midnight on April 25, 2019, no parent or guardian of a minor or infant under the age of 18, shall cause, allow, permit, or suffer a minor or infant under their supervision, to enter any place of public assembly in Rockland County, if that minor or infant is not vaccinated against measles for any reason other than being serologically immune to measles as documented by a physician, or prevented from receiving a measles vaccination for a medical reason documented by a physician, or because the infant is under the age of 6 months.

II. Definitions

Vaccinated/Unvaccinated

For the purpose of this emergency directive, a person is vaccinated if that person has, at any time, received at least one dose of a medically recognized vaccine against the measles (for example, the MMR vaccine), and four days has passed since receipt of that dose. All other persons are deemed unvaccinated for the purposes of the enforcement of this directive.

Place of Public Assembly

A. A place of public assembly shall be a place where more than 10 persons are intended to congregate for purposes such as civic, governmental, social, or religious functions, or for recreation or shopping, or for food or drink consumption, or awaiting transportation, or for daycare or educational purposes, or for medical treatment. A place of public assembly shall also include public transportation vehicles, including but not limited to, publicly or privately owned buses or trains, but does not include taxi or livery vehicles.

B. Places of public assembly do not include private residences, unless that private residence, or a portion of it, is permitted by a Certificate of Occupancy, or other governmental license or authorization to carry on one or more of the defining functions of a place of public assembly.

C. With respect to the offices of physicians, hospitals, or other medical facilities, no restriction shall apply where the minor or infant is present for the purpose of medical care, treatment, or immunization. However, except in emergency situations, a parent or guardian must call ahead to advise the office or facility that an unvaccinated minor or infant will be coming to the facility or office.

D. With respect to minors or infants required by law to be at a place of public assembly, for example attendance at family court or the like, the prohibition shall not apply. However, a parent, guardian, or other responsible person or representative, must call ahead to advise the office or facility that an unvaccinated minor or infant will be coming to the facility or office.

Dated: March 26, 2019

Edwin J. Day
County Executive
County of Rockland

Witness:
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