

Resolution No. 200-21

TO ISSUE PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER NO. 1 OF 2021

RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY NADIA RAJSZ, CHAIR, HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO ACT AS LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH AND TO ADOPT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER NO. 1 - 2021 RELATED TO MEASLES

TO SUMMER CAMP OPERATORS, SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK

WHEREAS, in 2019, several counties in New York State, some of which were in close proximity to Sullivan County, had outbreaks of the measles virus, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, we saw the largest outbreak of measles in New York State since 1989, and

WHEREAS, in 2019 there were 19 confirmed case in Sullivan County, with 426 confirmed cases in New York State, and a total of 1,282 confirmed cases in the U.S., and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, Measles remains a common disease in many parts of the world, and each year, an estimated 10 million people get measles, and about 110,000 of them die from it, and

WHEREAS, in a given year, more measles cases can occur for any of the following reasons: an increase in the number of travelers who get measles abroad and bring it into the U.S., and/or further spread of measles in U.S. communities with pockets of unvaccinated people, and

WHEREAS, continued vigilance for additional cases in New York State and Sullivan County is essential to determine whether elimination has been sustained, and

WHEREAS, there are hundreds of summer camps for children which operate in Sullivan County, and

WHEREAS, renewing the camp order for 2021 will ensure widespread vaccination among camp workers and campers to prevent additional outbreaks, since many of the camp workers are from outside of the United States, where there continue to be ongoing measles outbreaks, and

WHEREAS, New York State passed legislation in June of 2019, eliminating non-medical exemptions from school vaccination requirements, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York State Public Health Law, the County Board of Health is authorized to adopt Public Health Order No 1-2021, which Order shall regulate attendance at summer camps based on evidence of measles immunity, or a valid medical exemption pursuant to the State Sanitary Code, 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 this communicable disease, and to properly execute and enforce the New York State Public Health Law, including but not limited to Section 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Legislature, acting in its capacity as the Sullivan County Board of Health, hereby adopts Public Health Order No.1 - 2021 in an effort to secure the safety, health and welfare of Sullivan County residents, visitors, and of individuals employed within the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Public Health Order No.1 - 2021 shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Legislature and shall continue in effect through September 30, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Health designates, at its discretion, four hearing officers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Robert Doherty, a member of the Board of Health, is hereby authorized to sign and issue subpoenas in accordance with Public Health Law Section 309(1) (a).

**Local Board of Health Public Health Order No. 1 - 2021
Children's Camps**

1. This Order shall apply to all camps operated within Sullivan County, in accordance with the New York State Public Health Law and Sanitary Code, 10 NYCRR 7-2.2, including summer day camps and children's overnight camps.
2. Prior to camp entry, the camp health director shall verify all campers and staff members, whether paid or volunteer, have evidence of immunity to measles or a valid medical exemption. Upon arrival to camp, the camp operator, health director or designee shall screen children and staff, as part of the initial health screening pursuant

to the camp's safety plan, for signs or symptoms of the measles illness. Additionally, the camp operator or health director shall request parents or guardians of campers to notify the camp operator or health director if such camper has had any possible exposures to the measles illness twenty-one days prior to attending camp and/or during the camp season.

3. No camp operator shall permit any camper or staff member to attend camp unless such camper or staff member has provided evidence of immunity to measles or valid medical exemption, to the camp operator or camp health director. Evidence of immunity includes:
 - a) Written documentation from a health care provider of one or more doses of a measles containing vaccine (MMR) administered on or after the first birthday of preschool-age children and adults not at high risk or two doses of measles containing vaccine (MMR) for school-age children and adults at high risk, including college students, healthcare personnel, and international travelers;
 - b) Laboratory evidence of immunity;
 - c) Laboratory confirmation of measles; or
 - d) Birth before 1957
4. Notwithstanding, a camp operator may permit a camper or staff member who is in the process of receiving the measles vaccine to attend or work at camp. A camper or staff member is "in the process of receiving the measles vaccine" or "in-process" if the camper or staff member has received at least the first dose of the measles vaccine, has an appointment to complete a second dose of measles vaccine twenty-eight days after the first dose was administered and has not been recently exposed to an individual with measles. If a camper in attendance or staff member is working at a camp when the second dose is scheduled, such camper or staff member shall receive the second dose, or the camper or staff member shall be excluded from camp after the expiration of twenty-eight days after the first dose was administered.
5. All camp operators shall maintain records of camper and staff screening for signs or symptoms of measles illness or recent exposure to measles. Any immune camper or staff member who was exposed to measles within the twenty-one days prior to attending camp or during the camp season shall be monitored for signs and symptoms of measles while at camp, and the camp operator or health director shall immediately report any such known exposures to Sullivan County Public Health Services and the New York Department of Health.
6. In addition to any other remedies available to the Board of Health provided by law, a fine of \$2,000 for each violation shall be issued. Each day a violation continues shall

constitute a separate and distinct violation as authorized by Public Health Law Section 309(1) (f).

7. The County Public Health Director is directed to undertake the actions necessary to enforce this Order.
8. This Order shall be effective upon its adoption and remain in effect until September 30, 2021
9. A copy of this Order shall be posted at all summer camps operating in Sullivan County and shall be filed with the New York State District Health Office.

Moved by Ms. Rajsz, Seconded by Mr. Sorensen, put to a vote, and by a [Unanimous] vote carried and declared duly adopted on motion May 6, 2021.

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN)

I, ANNMARIE MARTIN, Clerk to the Legislature of the County of Sullivan do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original thereof now on file in my office and the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Legislature this 6th of May 2021.


Clerk to the Sullivan County Legislature