

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

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*Frank E. Thomas, Chairman*

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## **EXTENSION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER 2**

### **ISSUING ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE MANDATES FOR LAB CONFIRMED POSITIVE, PRESUMED POSITIVE, AND/OR INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I, Frank Thomas, Warren County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, issued Executive Order 2 of 2020, pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, that the public safety was sufficiently imperiled such that a Proclamation of Emergency was declared within the territorial limits of Warren County; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2020, pursuant to 10 NYCRR Section 2.1(a), Dr. Howard A. Zucker, as Commissioner of Health of the State of New York, designated 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as a communicable disease under the State Sanitary Code; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2020 the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council ratified the designation of 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as a communicable disease under the York State Sanitary Code through the adoption of emergency regulations amending 10 NYCRR Section 2.1; and

WHEREAS, 10 NYCRR 2.29 provides that whenever a case of a highly communicable disease (as defined in 10 NYCRR Section 2.1) comes to the attention of the local health officer of a county, such local health officer shall isolate such patients as in his judgment he deems necessary; and

WHEREAS, as of March 8, 2020 and in accordance with the federal Center for Disease Control's (CDC) "Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)," the New York State Department of Health has issued directives requiring all persons who have tested positive or are presumed positive for COVID-19 to be isolated; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health has issued a directive prescribing that persons who have been in close contact (6 feet) of someone who has tested positive must be quarantined as they may be menace to others; and

WHEREAS, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases within Warren County has been increasing, with travel related cases and contact cases reported and expected to continue, making it imperative for local government and local law enforcement to have all available measures to safely enact and enforce quarantine and isolation orders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Thomas, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, by virtue of the authority vested in me by State and Local Law, and in furtherance of my statutory duties, hereby provide as follows:

1. ORDER that, all persons who are lab confirmed positive or are presumed positive with COVID-19 by a New York State Licensed Medical Health Care Provider or the Warren County Department of Health, be isolated and travel directly to, if not already located there, and remain isolated at their primary residence, or at any Facility designated by the Warren County Department of Health until Warren County Department of Public Health confirms that such person(s) no longer require isolation pursuant to New York State's minimum criteria for discontinuance; and it is further

2. ORDERED that, all persons who have been in close contact to an individual who meets the criteria in Paragraph 1, as determined by a New York State Licensed Medical Health Care Provider or the Warren County Department of Public Health, be quarantined and travel directly to, if not already located there, and remain quarantined at their primary residence for fourteen (14) days from the date of last exposure, as determined by the Warren County Department of Health;

IN ADDITION, any guidance issued by the Warren County Department of Health related to prevention and infection control of COVID-19 shall be effective immediately and shall supersede any prior conflicting guidance issued by the Warren County Department of Health.

This order is necessary to provide for social distancing to safeguard the public health and welfare, and necessary to assist in controlling the disaster effort. This Order is intended to comply with all laws and regulations, state and federal, and shall be read and interpreted in such manner.

As the law requires, this Order shall remain in effect for five (5) days unless sooner rescinded or modified by me as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, but may be extended for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of this local state of emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2021.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank E. Thomas".

FRANK THOMAS, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors