

Appendix 6 – Isolation and Quarantine

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1. INTRODUCTION

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) has primary responsibility for identifying, investigating, and testing for communicable diseases posing a threat to the citizens of the state. NH DHHS is responsible for coordinating medical, municipal, and other services as necessary to control, and, when possible, eradicate communicable diseases when they occur. Isolation, Quarantine and Community Based Containment Measures are three strategies employed by DHHS to control communicable diseases.

Northern Grafton and Coös Counties will work with NH DHHS to assist in the following ways:

- Providing care and necessities to individuals in their homes through community volunteers and health and human service agencies.
- Educating residents in advance on how to prepare for an extended in-home isolation or quarantine by stockpiling food and preparing for periods without utilities and other services.

1.1. Purpose

This plan establishes North Country Public Health Regional procedures and policies for supporting its residents during Isolation & Quarantine. This plan covers the steps the Northern Grafton and Coös Counties will undertake to provide support to individuals in isolation and quarantine in their homes, hospitals, or in a community facility.

1.2. Scope

During a communicable disease outbreak, DHHS has the responsibility and authority to issue orders of Isolation & Quarantine to prevent the spread of a communicable disease. Due to limited State resources, DHHS may ask the Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) for assistance. This plan outlines the responsibilities of Health Officers, HEPT, Hospitals, Law Enforcement, Community Facilities, and caregivers in assisting DHHS with Isolation and Quarantine.

1.3 Situation/Assumptions/Limitations

1.3.1 Situation

Communicable disease outbreaks pose a risk to the citizens of Northern Grafton and Coös Counties. The goal of the region is to minimize the impact of a communicable disease on its residents by supporting Isolation and Quarantine measures when they are deemed most effective.

1.3.2 Assumptions

- Isolation and quarantine are tools to be used to slow or stop the spread of infectious disease.
- Isolation and quarantine are most effective when used in the early stages of an outbreak of a communicable disease
- Due to DHHS' limited resources, they will likely ask local Health Officers and health care agencies for assistance with Isolation and Quarantine

1.3.3 Limitations

- The Regional Coordinating Council does not feel it is advisable to concentrate the population in the event of an emergent and/or contagious disease, like a pandemic strain of flu. The care of people being held in an isolation or quarantine facility separate from a hospital poses the following hazards and challenges:

- The psychological strain, including the perception of being ‘incarcerated’ on the part of the individuals held, and the behavioral issues that might ensue.
- The increased risk of infection to health care workers monitoring or providing treatment in such a facility.
- The added stress on a limited and or reduced (by illness) workforce of health and safety professionals
- The logistics of providing for the basic needs and comforts of individuals being held in quarantine or isolation.
- Competition for resources (including staffing, medical equipment and supplies, food and water, sanitation facilities) with other facilities and functions, including Alternate Care Sites (ACS) and Points of Dispensing (POD).
- Increased risk of infection to the asymptomatic population being held in quarantine.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 Health Officer Responsibilities

- May be asked upon patient discharge from the hospital or other acute care facility to coordinate the process for isolation and quarantine.
- Coordinate with RCC, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, Androscoggin Valley hospital, Weeks Medical Center, Littleton Regional Hospital and Cottage Hospitals to ensure resources, such as food, medicine, and basic social services can and will be made available to sustain quarantine for an extended period of time.
- Ensure qualified personnel are present who can enter the quarantine area to transfer supplies.
- Coordinate with law enforcement officials to ensure citizen abidance to quarantine orders.
- Verify person(s) is/are abiding isolation or quarantine orders and may assist local law enforcement if an order is appealed.

2.2 HEPT Responsibilities

- Encouraging the public to prepare for voluntary compliance with in-home isolation recommendations.
- Planning to provide care and necessities to individuals isolating in their homes through community volunteers and health and human service agencies.
- Educating residents in advance on how to prepare for an extended in-home isolation by stockpiling food and preparing for periods without utilities and other services.
- Providing continuity of operations guidance to businesses to allow workers to work from home.
- Coordinate with Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, Androscoggin Valley hospital, Weeks Medical Center, Littleton Regional Hospital and Cottage Hospitals to determine primary and secondary sites and facilities for quarantined individuals.
- Coordinate with Health Officers, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, Androscoggin Valley hospital, Weeks Medical Center, Littleton Regional Hospital and Cottage Hospitals to ensure resources, such as food, medicine, and basic social services can and will be made available to sustain quarantine for an extended period of time.

2.3 Hospital Responsibilities

- Coordinate with RCC to determine primary and secondary sites and facilities for quarantined individuals.
- Coordinate with Health Officers and RCC to ensure resources, such as food, medicine, and basic social services can and will be made available to sustain quarantine for an extended period of time.
- Develop plans for isolating and co-horting patients in their facility

2.4 Law Enforcement Responsibilities

- Coordinate with Health Officers to ensure citizen abidance to quarantine orders.
- Coordinate with Health Officers and Superior Court if an order is appealed.

For reference, orders related to Isolation and Quarantine measures are included in Appendix 2.

3. ISOLATION

Isolation is defined as the physical separation and confinement of an individual, group of individuals, or individuals present within a geographic area who are infected with a communicable disease or are contaminated or whom the Commissioner of DHHS reasonably believes to be infected with a communicable disease or to be contaminated, in order to prevent or limit the transmission of the disease to the general public.

Types of Isolation include:

- Home Isolation
- Isolation in a community facility
- Hospital Isolation

3.1 Home Isolation

It may be preferable for affected individuals to be monitored in their own homes, if certain requirements are met. For example, if there is an immune-compromised person also inhabiting the home, monitoring in an alternate, non-hospital facility may be necessary. An example of a feasible alternate lodging facility may include a motel room, with a separate entrance to the outside/outdoors, a private bathroom, perhaps a small refrigerator and/or microwave, and communication capabilities to the outside (by telephone).

Before a case is confined to the home, the residence should be assessed to be certain that it has the features necessary for the provision of proper care and proper infection control measures. The primary caregiver, the case himself or herself, or a public health worker may conduct this assessment.

Isolation facilities should meet the following minimum requirements:

- Primary caregiver (family member) available, if necessary, to assist the patient with basic needs.
- Functioning telephone, electricity, and drinkable water.
- Separate bedroom that will be occupied only by the case and with a door that can be kept closed at all times.
- Separate bathroom that is designated for use only by the case.

During the period of isolation, household members of cases who are not providing care to the patient-case should be relocated, if possible. Alternatively, the case patient could be relocated to

another site within the region (a motel room). If relocation is not possible, then interactions between the case and the household members should be minimized. Persons at risk of serious complications should not interact with the case patient.

All persons in contact with the case should be educated regarding appropriate infection control practices, including hand hygiene, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and environmental decontamination.

3.2 Isolation in a Community Facility

If a surge of cases overwhelms existing health care capacity or if home isolation is not feasible for certain individual patients, then alternate facilities in the region may need to be used for isolating cases and/or their asymptomatic contacts. Public health emergency preparedness planning must address the availability and use of existing structures, the management of patients lodged in these facilities, and resources for securing supplies to isolated and quarantined individuals.

A location has been identified that could provide food and shelter for 20 individuals requiring isolation but don't have the resources to stay at home.

Primary Site: Daughters of the Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
226 Grove Street, Littleton NH
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3.3 Hospital Capacity & Isolation

Current Isolation Capacity:

Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital – 2 Rooms
Androscoggin Valley Hospital – 3 Negative, 35 rooms can be converted to isolation
Weeks Medical Center – 3 permanent, 1 portable
Littleton Regional Hospital: 3 rooms
Cottage Hospital: 9 rooms

Co-horting patients may be difficult to accomplish in many hospitals, and each hospital will develop its own plan based on resources (personnel, facility design, etc.). The following is CDC's suggested hierarchical approach:

- When possible, place patients with documented or suspected disease in a private room.
- When the number of patients with disease exceeds the available private rooms, try to place cases together in multi-bed rooms or wards.
- When patients with and without disease must be placed in a room together, try to avoid including uninfected patients most susceptible to complications.
- When multiple cases are admitted, minimize the number of staff having contact with infected patients by assigning all case patients to a single or small group of health care personnel, who have been given prophylaxis (if medications available and appropriate).

4. QUARANTINE

Quarantine is defined as the physical separation and confinement of an individual, group of individuals, or individuals present within a geographic area who are exposed to a communicable disease or are contaminated, or whom the commissioner of DHHS reasonably believes have been

exposed to a communicable disease or to be contaminated or have been exposed to others who have been exposed to a communicable disease or contamination, to prevent transmission of the disease to the general public. The decision of whether or not to quarantine or isolate individuals will be based primarily on the type of event and the nature of the disease agent

Quarantine represents a range of possible interventions that could be applied at the level of the individual, small group, or community. Quarantine may be used for:

- Individuals with close contact (e.g., household contact) to a known case.
- Small groups with close contact (e.g., co-workers, health care workers with unprotected exposure) to a case.
- Larger groups with an unspecified extent of exposures (e.g., social groups, persons in congregate settings, passengers on airplanes) to a case.
- Communities in which the extent of exposure for individuals is unknown but interventions are needed to control potential population exposures by increasing social distance and limiting interactions and movement within a community.
- Local law enforcement enforces State issued quarantine/isolation orders (RSA 141-C:13, III).

Types of quarantine include:

- Home Quarantine
- Quarantine in Community Facilities
- Work Quarantine

4.1 Home quarantine

Quarantine at home is most suitable for contacts that have a home environment in which their basic needs can be met and where the protection of unexposed household members is feasible.

The minimum criteria that must be met to enable the optimal implementation of home quarantine include:

- Access to educational materials about the disease in question
- Ability to monitor one's own symptoms (or have them monitored regularly by a parent, guardian or caregiver)
- Basic utilities (water, electricity, functional plumbing/septic system, garbage collection, and heating and air conditioning as appropriate)
- Basic supplies (clothing, food, hand hygiene supplies, laundry services, etc.)
- Mechanisms for communication, including telephone (for monitoring by health staff, reporting of symptoms, and accessing support services) and a computer if possible
- Access to food and food preparation
- Access to health care providers, health care centers, and ambulance personnel
- Access to supplies such as thermometers, fever logs, phone numbers for reporting symptoms or accessing services, emergency numbers, etc.
- Availability of mental health/psychological support services

No specific precautions are needed for household members of contacts who are in home quarantine, as long as the person under quarantine remains asymptomatic. Household members of quarantined individuals can go to school, work, etc., without restrictions. If the contact develops symptoms, then s/he should immediately notify medical/public health authorities to obtain medical evaluation, and at that point, household members should remain at home.

4.2 Quarantine in Community Facilities

Contacts who do not have an appropriate home environment for quarantine or contacts who do not wish to be quarantined at home may be quarantined in specific facilities (motels, nursing homes, apartments, etc.) designated for this purpose.

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4.3 Work Quarantine

This applies to health care workers or other essential personnel who have been exposed to cases and who may need to continue working (with appropriate infection control precautions) but who are quarantined either at home or in a designated facility during off-duty hours.

5. COMMUNITY-BASED CONTAINMENT MEASURES

Community-based control measures (e.g., canceling public events, closing schools, or mandating the use of masks in public places) are designed to reduce the risk of influenza transmission by limiting the potential for social interactions and by implementing broad measures for the public to prevent inadvertent exposures. The decision to institute community containment measures, and the nature and scope of these measures, will be made at the State level based upon the extent of the pandemic and the availability of resources. Community containment measures can also be instituted by municipalities and their emergency management director or public health officer if a local or state of emergency exists and if local ordinances allow such actions.

Important factors that will need to be considered in determining a threshold for community action include:

- Numbers of cases and close contacts,
- Characteristics of local disease transmission (i.e., speed of spread, number of generations),
- Types of exposure categories (travel-related, close contact, health care worker, unlinked transmission, etc.),
- Morbidity and mortality rates,
- Extent of community influx and efflux, and
- The availability of local health care and public health resources.

Enhanced activities may include:

- Institute "snow days" or "shelter in place"
- Suspend public gatherings
- Close public buildings and spaces
- Cancel public events
- Close non-essential government functions (public library, etc.)
- Request voluntary or mandate closing of businesses and institutions (e.g., schools)

There may be circumstances of an advanced epidemic for which other more extreme measures may be enacted, such as:

- Stop mass transit services
- Restrict geographic re-locations

Appendix 1 – Isolation & Quarantine Relevant Sections of RSA 141-C

CHAPTER 141-C COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

141-C:1 Policy. – The outbreak and spread of communicable disease cause unnecessary risks to health and life, interfere with the orderly workings of business, industry, government, and the process of education, and disrupt the day-to-day affairs of communities and citizens. Because the control of communicable disease may be attained by personal actions, the timely intervention of medical practices, and cooperation among health care providers, federal, state, and municipal officials, and other groups and agencies, it is hereby declared to be the policy of this state that communicable diseases be prevented, and that such occurrences be identified, controlled, and, when possible, eradicated at the earliest possible time by application of appropriate public health measures and medical practices.

141-C:3 Duties of Department. – The department shall:

I. Identify, investigate, and test for communicable diseases posing a threat to the citizens of the state and its visitors.

II. Educate the general public, persons who provide health services to the public, and those persons responsible for the health and well-being of other persons relative to measures that will prevent the contraction of communicable disease, minimize its effects, and impede its spread.

III. Coordinate such medical, municipal, and other services as may be necessary to control, and, when possible, eradicate communicable diseases when they occur.

141-C:4 Duties of Commissioner. – The commissioner shall:

I. Identify communicable diseases to be reported to the department under RSA 141-C:8.

II. Investigate outbreaks of communicable diseases under RSA 141-C:9.

III. Establish, maintain, and suspend isolation and quarantine to prevent the spread of communicable diseases under RSA 141-C:11.

IV. Order persons who pose a threat to the life and health of the public to receive such treatment and care as necessary to eliminate the threat under RSA 141-C:15.

V. Purchase and distribute such pharmaceutical agents as may be deemed necessary to prevent the acquisition and spread of communicable disease under RSA 141-C:17.

VI. Provide laboratory services to support the detection and control of communicable disease under RSA 141-C:19.

VII. Educate the public relative to the cause, prevention and treatment of communicable disease and relative to the provisions of this chapter and its rules regarding reporting, investigations, examinations, treatment and care.

VIII. Regulate, in public places, conveyances, and buildings, the use of a common drinking cup under RSA 141-C:6.

IX. Prohibit, in public places, conveyances, or buildings the use of a common towel.

X. Authorize treatment, under the orders of a licensed physician, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

141-C:5 Duties of Health Officers. – Health officers shall:

I. Assist the commissioner, when requested to do so, in the establishment and maintenance of isolation and quarantine in their respective cities and towns, and enforce all rules adopted by the commissioner relative to isolation and quarantine.

II. Attend meetings with the commissioner, when requested, for consultation on matters

relating to public health, the restriction and prevention of communicable diseases, or the consideration of other important sanitary matters related to preventing or controlling the spread of communicable diseases.

141-C:11 Isolation and Quarantine. –

I. Whenever it is necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of communicable diseases within this state or from another state, or to restrict such diseases if introduced, and when such communicable diseases pose a substantial threat to the health and life of the citizenry, the commissioner shall establish isolation or quarantine for persons who are cases or carriers, or suspected cases or carriers of communicable diseases, and establish quarantine for commodities, conveyances, baggage and cargo that are carriers or suspected carriers of the communicable diseases by written order prepared in accordance with RSA 141-C:12. Such isolation or quarantine shall be by the least restrictive means necessary to protect the citizenry which, in the case of an individual, shall be at a place of his or her choosing unless the commissioner determines such place to be impractical or unlikely to adequately protect the public health. The commissioner shall adopt such rules regarding the establishment, maintenance and lifting of isolation and quarantine as the commissioner may deem best for protecting the health of the public.

II. When a conveyance, operator, crew, passenger, baggage, cargo or commodity is placed in isolation or quarantine, the owners, consignees, assignees and operators shall submit to such investigations as authorized by RSA 141-C:9, I, regarding any circumstance or event concerning the health of the operator, crew, passengers and the sanitary condition of the conveyance, baggage, cargo or commodity. The operator, crew and passengers shall submit to such examinations, as authorized by RSA 141-C:9, II, as the commissioner may determine appropriate.

III. The commissioner may, in ordering isolation or quarantine of persons, require that treatment be obtained in accordance with rules adopted under RSA 141-C:15.

IV. The order of quarantine for commodities, conveyances, baggage and cargo may require, as a condition for lifting the quarantine, that decontamination be performed. The commissioner shall adopt such rules pursuant to RSA 541-A as are necessary for the performance of decontamination.

141-C:12 Orders. –

I. The commissioner, in imposing isolation and quarantine under RSA 141-C:11, in requiring treatment under RSA 141-C:15, or in excluding children under RSA 141-C:20-d, shall do so by written order. The order shall include, as appropriate, the following information:

- (a) The cause of the quarantine or isolation.
- (b) The location of quarantine or isolation.
- (c) When appropriate, that decontamination be performed on commodities, conveyances, baggage and cargo.
- (d) When treatment is required as part of the order, where such treatment is available and, if applicable, what effect the receipt of treatment may have on the conditions of isolation and quarantine.
- (e) The period of duration of isolation or quarantine.
- (f) The commissioner's signature.

(g) The reason and length of time for the exclusion of children from schools and child care facilities.

II. Orders issued under this section shall be complied with immediately.

III. When an individual subject to an order for isolation or quarantine refuses to cooperate with such order, the commissioner may issue a complaint, which shall be sworn to before a justice of the peace. Such complaint shall set forth the reasons for the order imposing isolation or quarantine and the place or facility where the individual shall be isolated or quarantined. Upon being presented with such an order, any law enforcement officer shall take such individual into custody and transport the individual to the place or facility where the individual is to be isolated or quarantined.

141-C:13 Evading Quarantine; Breaking Quarantine. –

I. If, after an order is issued under RSA 141-C:12, any commodity, conveyance, cargo or baggage is not removed to the place of quarantine or is not decontaminated or is brought near any dwelling house, facility, or housing providing services to people, or near any place of business or manufacture without the permission of the commissioner or his designee, the commissioner shall petition the superior court to review the order.

II. If any person ordered to undergo isolation or quarantine leaves such place of quarantine, a place designated by the commissioner for the decontamination of commodities, conveyances, baggage and cargo under quarantine, or a place of treatment and care of persons under isolation or quarantine without the permission of the commissioner or his designee, the commissioner shall petition the superior court for review of the order.

III. When an individual subject to an order for isolation or quarantine refuses to cooperate with such order, the commissioner may issue a complaint, which shall be sworn to before a justice of the peace. Such complaint shall set forth the reasons for the order imposing isolation or quarantine and the place or facility where the individual shall be isolated or quarantined. Upon being presented with such an order, any law enforcement officer shall take such individual into custody and transport the individual to the place or facility where the individual is to be isolated or quarantined.

141-C:14 Invading Isolation; Quarantine. – If any person shall, without permission of the commissioner, his designee, or a health officer acting on the request of the commissioner, enter a place of isolation or quarantine, board a conveyance under quarantine, enter the limits of a place designated for the decontamination of cargo or baggage under quarantine, or enter a place designated for the treatment of persons placed under isolation or quarantine and such person is not an employee or agent of the facility providing such treatment, he shall be considered infected and ordered to undergo isolation or quarantine under RSA 141-C:11. He shall remain there at his own expense until the commissioner determines that there is no threat to the citizenry by virtue of the exposure to the cause of isolation or quarantine.

141-C:14-a Due Process. –

I. Any person subject to an order to submit a specimen under RSA 141-C or for examination, immunization, treatment, isolation, or quarantine, or any other order of the commissioner under this chapter may request a hearing in the superior court to contest such order. The commissioner shall provide, or cause to be provided, to the person both oral and written notice of the right to contest the order and the form for making the request, which form shall require no more than the person's name, address, and signature and the time and date of the signature.

II. Submission of the completed form to the law enforcement officer or other individual

serving the order shall be considered a filing with the superior court and such officer or other individual shall promptly deliver the form to the superior court.

III. The superior court shall schedule a hearing and render a decision upon the request within 48 hours of the time the request was made. If the court determines that exigencies related to protection of the health of the public preclude a hearing and decision within the 48-hour period, the hearing and decision may take place within a suitable time as determined by the court, but in no event later than 120 hours after the time the request was made.

IV. No examination, specimen, immunization, treatment, or other action shall be required against the will of a person who has filed a request for a hearing. A person may be held in isolation or quarantine pending the outcome of the court hearing, but may no longer be held if the court fails to render its decision within the time period required under paragraph III.

V. At the hearing the burden of proof shall be on the commissioner to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the person poses a threat to public health and the order issued by the commissioner is thereby warranted to alleviate such threat.

VI. All orders issued under this chapter shall be in writing and a copy shall be provided to the person subject to the order at the time it is served. Every person who contests an order of the commissioner under this chapter shall be given a copy of the executed form contesting such order.

VII. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require the medical examination, medical treatment, or immunization of a person who objects, and no criminal penalties shall be imposed as a result. Notwithstanding this paragraph, such a person may be subject to isolation or quarantine for the minimum period necessary to protect the public health, as determined by the court in its decision following the hearing pursuant to this section.

141-C:15 Treatment, Care of Sick; Costs. –

I. Any person infected with a communicable disease, or reasonably suspected of being infected with a communicable disease, and whose continued presence among the citizenry poses a significant threat to health and life, shall be ordered by the commissioner under RSA 141-C:11, to report to a health care provider or health care facility to undergo such treatment and care as the commissioner may deem necessary to eliminate the threat. The commissioner shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, necessary to issue and carry out such orders for treatment and to restrict and control communicable disease through treatment.

II. If the person subject to the order cannot be removed to a health care provider or to a health care facility for treatment without danger to his life or to the citizenry, the commissioner shall impose isolation or quarantine under RSA 141-C:11 and shall arrange for treatment and care as necessary to mitigate the threat.

III. The commissioner shall assist indigent persons who are infected with tuberculosis and supply them with anti-tuberculosis drugs for treatment and preventative therapy, chest x-rays, and such physical examinations as necessary to monitor the course of treatment and therapy.

IV. The cost of treatment and care, except treatment provided under RSA 141-C:15, III, and physical examinations under RSA 141-C:9 and RSA 141-C:18, shall be a cost to the person, or his parent or guardian, or, if such person is indigent, from such public funds available for such purposes. Costs of physical examinations and treatment and care provided to the operator, passengers and crew of conveyances who are, or might have been, infected by means of the conveyance, shall be a cost to the owner, consignee or assignee of the conveyance.

V. The cost for maintenance of quarantine for commodities, conveyances, cargo and baggage, and for the decontamination of commodities, conveyances, cargos and baggage, shall be a cost to the owner, consignee or assignee of the commodity or conveyance.

VI. When an individual subject to an order for treatment by the commissioner refuses to undergo such ordered treatment, the commissioner may issue a complaint, which shall be sworn to before a justice of the peace. Such complaint shall set forth the reasons for the order imposing treatment, the nature of the treatment to be provided, and the place or facility where the treatment shall be provided. Upon being presented with such an order, any law enforcement officer shall take such individual into custody and transport the individual to the place or facility where the treatment is to be provided.

141-C:16 Mode of Treatment and Care. – Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the commissioner to restrict in any manner a person's right to select the mode of treatment of his choice, or to refuse treatment, when treatment is ordered by the commissioner under RSA 141-C:15, I, or to request any physical examination or treatment of a person who in good faith relies upon spiritual means or prayer for healing. Such reliance or treatment or refusal of treatment shall not be considered a danger or menace to others under any provisions of this chapter; provided, however, that there is compliance with the sanitary, isolation and quarantine laws and rules adopted under this chapter. This section shall not be construed to prevent a parent or guardian from exercising his legal responsibilities.

141-C:21 Penalty. – Any person who shall violate, disobey, refuse, omit or neglect to comply with any of the provisions of RSA 141-C, or of the rules adopted pursuant to it, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor if a natural person, or guilty of a felony if any other person.

141-C:23 Injunction. – A civil action may be instituted in superior court on behalf of the department for injunctive relief to prevent the violation of the provisions of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter. The court may proceed in the action in a summary manner or otherwise and may enjoin in all such cases any person in violation of any provisions of this chapter or its rules.

Appendix 2 – Isolation & Quarantine Orders

- ❑ Order of Quarantine
- ❑ Order of Isolation for Suspected Tuberculosis Patient
- ❑ Order of Isolation for Suspected Contagious Disease Patient
- ❑ Order of Medical Examination and Specimen Collection
- ❑ Order of Medical Treatment
- ❑ Request for Superior Court Hearing under RSA 141-C:14-A To Order of Medical Examination and Treatment
- ❑ Request for Superior Court Hearing under RSA 141-C:14-A To Order of Isolation or Quarantine
- ❑ Complaint for compulsory Medical Examination and Treatment pursuant to RSA 141-C:15,VI
- ❑ Complaint for compulsory Isolation & Quarantine pursuant to RSA 141-C:12,III



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ORDER OF QUARANTINE

To: _____ Address: _____

The Department of Health and Human Services ("the Department") has reason to suspect that you have come in contact with a person who has a contagious disease and, hence, that you may have or develop this disease. Specifically, you are suspected of having come into contact with a person who has _____. If you were to have this disease you would pose a substantial threat to the health of the citizenry. In order to prevent transmission of this contagious disease, the Department orders that you be placed in quarantine in accordance with RSA 141-C:11. The location where you are to be quarantined is _____. The Department considers this the least restrictive clinically appropriate place of quarantine given the nature of the disease with which you may have come into contact.

During this period you may be required to undergo a medical exam and bodily specimens may be required for analysis.

This order will be in effect until you are deemed non-contagious by the Department and therefore do not pose a substantial threat to the health of the public. It is anticipated that you will need to be quarantined for at least _____ to verify whether or not you have a contagious disease.

If you leave the place of quarantine designated above without the prior consent of the Department, action will be taken as authorized under RSA 141-C:13,III to have you taken into custody by law enforcement officials and returned to the place of quarantine.

If you object to this order of quarantine you may request a hearing in the superior court in accordance with RSA 141-C:14-a. You may make this request by filling out the form attached to this order. Once you have completed the form the law enforcement official or other person who delivered this order or other person responsible for maintaining you in quarantine will promptly deliver the form to the Superior Court. The court will then schedule a hearing.

Any questions regarding this order may be directed to Jose Montero, MD at 603-271-4496.

I hereby certify that this order was served in-hand to the above-named individual on _____ at _____ a.m./p.m.

Signature of Commissioner's Designee

Date



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ORDER OF ISOLATION FOR SUSPECTED TUBERCULOSIS PATIENT

To: _____ Address: _____

The Department of Health and Human Services ("the Department") has reason to suspect that you have Tuberculosis (TB). If you have TB you pose a substantial threat to the health of the citizenry. In order to prevent transmission of TB, the Department orders that you be placed in isolation in accordance with RSA 141-C:11. The location where you are to be isolated is

_____. The Department considers this the least restrictive clinically appropriate place of isolation given its belief that you have TB.

During the period of isolation you are to remain apart from other persons. You may not have visitors and you can not have direct contact with other people. During this period you will be required to undergo a medical exam and bodily specimens will be collected for analysis. In addition, you should accept any treatment recommended by your health care providers. Failure to accept treatment may significantly increase the duration of isolation that will be necessary and may require the Department to issue an order compelling treatment as authorized under RSA 141-C:15.

This order will be in effect until you are deemed non-contagious by the Department and therefore no longer pose a substantial threat to the health of the public. It is anticipated that it will take at least 2-4 weeks to verify a diagnosis and render you non-contagious provided you start and respond to treatment. A Department representative will notify you when this occurs.

If you leave the place of isolation designated above without the prior consent of the Department, action will be taken as authorized under RSA 141-C:13,III to have you taken into custody by law enforcement officials and returned to the place of isolation.

If you object to this order of isolation you may request a hearing in the superior court in accordance with RSA 141-C:14-a. You may make this request by filling out the form attached to this order. Once you have completed the form the law enforcement official or other person who delivered this order or other person responsible for maintaining you in isolation will promptly deliver the form to the Superior Court. The court will then schedule a hearing to review this order.

Any questions regarding this order may be directed to Jose Montero, MD at 603-271-4496.

I hereby certify that this order was served in-hand to the above-named individual on _____ at _____ a.m./p.m.

Signature of Commissioner's Designee

Date



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ORDER OF ISOLATION FOR SUSPECTED CONTAGIOUS DISEASE PATIENT

To: _____ Address: _____

The Department of Health and Human Services ("the Department") has reason to suspect that you are infected with the contagious disease _____. If you are in fact infected with this disease you pose a substantial threat to the health of the citizenry. In order to prevent transmission of this contagious disease, the Department orders that you be placed in isolation in accordance with RSA 141-C:11. The location where you are to be isolated is _____. The Department considers this the least restrictive clinically appropriate place of isolation given the nature of the disease you are suspected of having.

During this period you will be required to undergo a medical exam and bodily specimens will be collected for analysis. In addition, you should accept any treatment recommended by your health care providers. Failure to accept treatment may significantly increase the duration of isolation that will be necessary and may require the Department to issue an order compelling treatment as authorized under RSA 141-C:15.

This order will be in effect until you are deemed non-contagious by the Department and therefore no longer pose a substantial threat to the health of the public. It is anticipated that you will need to be isolated for at least _____ to verify a diagnosis and render you non-contagious provided you start and respond to treatment.

If you leave the place of isolation designated above without the prior consent of the Department, action will be taken as authorized under RSA 141-C:13,III to have you taken into custody by law enforcement officials and returned to the place of isolation.

If you object to this order of isolation you may request a hearing in the superior court in accordance with RSA 141-C:14-a. You may make this request by filling out the form attached to this order. Once you have completed the form the law enforcement official or other person who delivered this order or other person responsible for maintaining you in isolation will promptly deliver the form to the Superior Court. The court will then schedule a hearing.

Any questions regarding this order may be directed to Jose Montero, MD at 603-271-4496.

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ORDER FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND SPECIMEN COLLECTION

To: _____ Address: _____

The Department of Health and Human Services (“the Department”) has reason to suspect that you are infected with a contagious disease, specifically _____. If you are infected with this disease you pose a substantial threat to the health of the citizenry. In order to verify whether you are infected with this disease it is essential that you undergo a medical examination. You have been requested to undergo a medical examination, but you have refused to do so. Consequently, the Department orders that you undergo a medical examination in accordance with RSA 141-C:9,II. The location where you are to undergo this medical examination is _____. This medical examination will take place on _____ at _____ a.m./p.m.

As part of this medical examination you will be required to produce such specimens as are determined by medical personnel to be necessary to determine the presence of a communicable disease.

This order will be in effect until medical personnel have completed the medical examination and have collected such specimens as they deem necessary.

If you fail to appear for the examination at the date, time and place designated above, action will be taken as authorized under RSA 141-C:13,III to have you taken into custody by law enforcement officials and brought to the place where the examination is to take place.

If you object to this order you may request a hearing in the superior court in accordance with RSA 141-C:14-a. You may make this request by filling out the form attached to this order. Once you have completed the form the law enforcement official or other person who delivered this order or a representative of the Department will promptly deliver the form to the Superior Court. The court will then schedule a hearing to review this order.

Any questions regarding this order may be directed to Jose Montero, MD at 603-271-4496.

I hereby certify that this order was served in-hand to the above-named individual on _____ at _____ a.m./p.m.

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ORDER FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

To: _____ Address: _____

The Department of Health and Human Services ("the Department") has reason to suspect that you are infected with a contagious disease, specifically _____. By having this disease you pose a substantial threat to the health of the citizenry. It is essential that you undergo a medical treatment that will render you non-contagious. You have been requested to undergo medical treatment, but you have refused to do so. Consequently, the Department orders that you undergo medical treatment in accordance with RSA 141-C:15. The location where you are to undergo this medical treatment is _____.

The treatment that you are required to undergo is _____

_(Attach additional sheets if necessary).

This order will be in effect until medical personnel have completed the medical treatment that you require.

If you fail to undergo the treatment recommended by your treatment providers, action will be taken as authorized under RSA 141-C:13,III to have you taken into custody by law enforcement officials and brought to the place where the treatment is to be provided.

If you object to this order you may request a hearing in the superior court in accordance with RSA 141-C:14-a. You may make this request by filling out the form attached to this order. Once you have completed the form the law enforcement official or other person who delivered this order or a representative of the Department will promptly deliver the form to the Superior Court. The court will then schedule a hearing to review this order.

Questions regarding this order may be directed to Jose Montero, MD at 603-271-4496.

I hereby certify that this order was served in-hand to the above-named individual on _____ at _____ a.m./p.m.

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

_____, SS.
Name of County

SUPERIOR COURT

REQUEST FOR SUPERIOR COURT HEARING UNDER RSA 141-C:14-A
TO REVIEW ORDER OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT

Name: _____ Address: _____

RSA 141-C:14-a, I provides that: "Any person subject to an order to submit a specimen under RSA 141-C or for examination, immunization, treatment, isolation, or quarantine, or any other order of the Commissioner under this chapter may request a hearing in the superior court to contest such order...."

I am subject to an Order of Medical Examination and Treatment issued by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to RSA 141-C:15.

I hereby request a hearing in the superior court to contest this order.

I understand that the submission of this completed form to the law enforcement official or other person who served this order on me shall be considered a filing with the superior court.

I understand that it is the responsibility of the law enforcement official or other person who served this order on me or a representative of the Department to whom I have given this form to promptly deliver this request for a hearing to the superior court in the county in which I live or in which I am to be examined or treated.

I understand that I have the right to a hearing within 48 hours of the time this request for a hearing is made.

I understand that I can be held in isolation while the hearing is pending.

I understand that I cannot be examined or provided medical treatment against my will while the hearing is pending.

Signature of Person Requesting Hearing

Date and Time of Signature



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_____, SS.
Name of County

SUPERIOR COURT

REQUEST FOR SUPERIOR COURT HEARING UNDER RSA 141-C:14-A
TO REVIEW ORDER OF ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE

Name: _____

Address: _____

RSA 141-C:14-a, I provides that: "Any person subject to an order to submit a specimen under RSA 141-C or for examination, immunization, treatment, isolation, or quarantine, or any other order of the Commissioner under this chapter may request a hearing in the superior court to contest such order...."

I am subject to an Order of Isolation or quarantine issued by the Department of Health and Human Services pursuant to RSA 141-C:11.

I hereby request a hearing in the superior court to contest this order.

I understand that the submission of this completed form to the law enforcement official or other person who served this order on me shall be considered a filing with the superior court.

I understand that it is the responsibility of the law enforcement official or other person who served this order on me or other person responsible for maintaining me in isolation to promptly deliver this request for a hearing to the superior court in the county in which I am being held in isolation.

I understand that I have the right to a hearing within 48 hours of the time this request for a hearing is made.

I understand that I can be held in isolation or quarantine while the hearing is pending.

I understand that I cannot be examined or provided medical treatment against my will while the hearing is pending.

Signature of Person Requesting Hearing

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COMPLAINT FOR COMPULSORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT PURSUANT TO RSA
141-C:15,VI

Name of person to be examined or treated

Address of person to be examined or treated

RSA 141-C:15,VI provides that: "When an individual subject to an order for treatment by the
Commissioner refuses to undergo such ordered treatment, the Commissioner may issue a complaint,
which shall be sworn to by a Justice of the Peace. Such Complaint shall set forth the reasons for the
order imposing treatment, the nature of the treatment to be provided, and the place or facility where the
treatment shall be provided. Upon being presented with such an order, any law enforcement officer shall
take such individual into custody and transport the individual to the place or facility where the treatment is
to be provided."

The above-named individual requires medical examination and treatment for the following reasons:

[Blank lines for reasons]

The place or facility where the treatment is to be provided, and the address of that place or facility is:

[Blank line for address]

Attached to this complaint is a copy of the Order issued by the Department of Health and Human
Services.

Signature of Commissioner's designee

Date

Personally appeared the above named [blank] and gave oath that the information
contained in this Complaint is true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Based upon this
information I hereby order [blank] to be taken into custody by law enforcement officers
and taken to the facility designated above.

Justice of the Peace

Date



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COMPLAINT FOR COMPULSORY ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE
PURSUANT TO RSA 141-C:12,III

Name of person to be placed in isolation or quarantine

Address of person to be placed in isolation or quarantine

RSA 141-C:12,III provides that: "When an individual subject to an order for isolation or quarantine refuses to cooperate with such order, the Commissioner may issue a complaint, which shall be sworn to by a Justice of the Peace. Such Complaint shall set forth the reasons for the order imposing isolation or quarantine and the place or facility where the individual shall be isolated or quarantined. Upon being presented with such an order, any law enforcement officer shall take such individual into custody and transport the individual to the place or facility where the individual is to be isolated or quarantined."

The above-named individual requires isolation or quarantine for the following reason:

The place or facility where the person is to be held in isolation or quarantine, and the address of that place or facility is: _____

Attached to this complaint is a copy of the Order issued by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Signature of Commissioner's designee

Date

Personally appeared the above named _____ and gave oath that the information contained in this Complaint is true to the best of his/her knowledge and belief. Based upon this information I hereby order _____ to be taken into custody by law enforcement officers and taken to the facility designated above.

Justice of the Peace

Date

Appendix 3 – Isolation & Quarantine Flowchart

