# ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

### No. 2020-10

# (QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONS ENTERING CHICAGO FROM HIGH INCIDENCE STATES)

### Re-issued: November 13, 2020

**WHEREAS**, The City of Chicago, like other cities around the world, has been severely affected by COVID-19, with approximately 99,906 confirmed cases in the City as of November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Through implementing rigorous and sensible public health measures, the City of Chicago has worked to slow the transmission of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot has undertaken a cautious, incremental and evidence-based approach to reopening the City of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, Certain other cities and states are experiencing a significantly increased prevalence of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, It is necessary and appropriate to put in place measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in Chicago as a result of people entering Chicago from high incidence states; and

**WHEREAS**, The Municipal Code of Chicago ("Code") authorizes the Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago ("Commissioner") to implement emergency measures to stop the spread of communicable diseases, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents, including but not limited to authority granted in Sections 2-112-080, 2-112-160(a)(4), and 2-112-170 of the Code, in addition to 77 III. Adm. Code Sections 690.1310 and 690.1330; now, therefore,

# The Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago hereby orders as follows:

**SECTION 1.** All persons entering the City of Chicago from a state with a COVID-19 new case rate greater than 15 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 resident population per day, over a 7-day rolling average ("High Incidence State") shall be subject to mandatory self-quarantine for 14 days or the duration of the person's presence in Chicago, whichever is shorter, unless exempted in a protocol issued pursuant to Section 2 of this Order.

**SECTION 2.** The Commissioner shall issue protocols governing application of this Order. Such protocols shall include an exception to the self-quarantine requirement of this Order for "essential workers," as defined in the protocols. The protocols may include other exceptions to self-quarantine that in the sole judgment of the Commissioner: (i) serve as acceptable alternatives to self-quarantine or (ii) are necessary or appropriate to cover situations when self-quarantine is not possible, practicable, or advisable, provided such exceptions continue to safeguard the public health. Such protocols may also contain guidance for businesses to implement rules governing their employees' business and personal travel. **SECTION 3.** The Chicago Department of Public Health shall make public the High Incidence States on its website.

**SECTION 4.** The Commissioner may take immediate action to protect the public from COVID-19 when a person enters the City of Chicago from a High Incidence State or jurisdiction, including, pursuant to City of Chicago Isolation and Quarantine Rules and 77 III. Adm. Code 690.1330, issuing a written or verbal order of quarantine to the person or group of persons.

**SECTION 5.** It shall be the duty of every person subject to this Order to comply with this Order. Any person who violates this Order shall be subject to applicable penalties provided by law.

**SECTION 6.** This Order shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on November 13, 2020 and shall remain in effect until the Commissioner makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed.

**SECTION 7.** If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Order are declared to be severable. This Order is meant to be read consistently with any Court order regarding this Order.

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Dated: November 13, 2020

Allison Arwady, M.D., Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago