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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All county first response agencies

FROM: John G Jordan  
Commissioner

DATE: April 11, 2020

Re: COVID 19 notifications

Effective immediately The County will no longer monitor positive COVID-19 locations, nor provide addresses to local agencies. While this was a valuable and necessary tool early on during the containment phase of the outbreak, it no longer serves of value. Responders should consider every patient, every household, COVID positive.

PSAPs around the county will continue to interrogate callers of every nature for influenza like symptoms (ILI) and convey that information to responders on dispatch. Callers will be asked to meet the responders at the door or outside. Responders should heed current DOH guidelines for proper response and the use of PPE.

The overwhelming number of positive patients, the often lack of sufficiently complete address information, the advent of testing outside the NYS system, and transient population have all served to dilute the efficacy of the list.

Fire Rescue and all your local PSAPs remain committed to providing the best “just in time” information to help keep you safe.