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Reopening Plan Addendum Thursday, February 11, 2021

The following directive was issued by Governor Andrew Cuomo on February 11, 2021

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GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO AND NEW YORK STATE HEALTH COMMISSIONER DR. HOWARD ZUCKER ON UPDATED CDC GUIDANCE ELIMINATING QUARANTINE REQUIREMENT FOR FULLY VACCINATED PEOPLE FOLLOWING CLOSE CONTACT EXPOSURE

"Yesterday the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated its guidance regarding quarantine following exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. According to the guidance, 'asymptomatic fully vaccinated individuals', meaning those who have received both shots and at least two weeks have passed since the second shot, are no longer required to quarantine within 90 days after the second shot.

"From the outset of the pandemic, New York State has followed the science and listened to the experts, and quarantine requirements only for New Yorkers who have received both shots will be similarly updated to reflect the CDC's new guidance. However, the science regarding COVID transmissibility post-vaccination remains unsettled, and this updated guidance is not an all-clear for New Yorkers to let their guard down.

"All New Yorkers, including those who have been fully vaccinated, should continue to wear masks, social distance, and be smart until herd immunity is reached and this pandemic is fully relegated to the history books.