

In the Matter of

The Isolation of

Sarah Ferraro

Pursuant to Section 2100 of the Public Health Law

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER

WHEREAS, COVID-19, formerly known as 2019-Novel Coronavirus, an infection associated with fever and signs and symptoms of pneumonia or other respiratory illness, appears to be transmitted from person to person predominantly through droplet transmission and, if spread in the population, could have significant public health consequences; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is believed to have emerged as a human pathogen in China in December 2019 and there are tens of thousands of confirmed cases of COVID-19 globally thousands of deaths reported and additional suspected and/or probable cases of COVID-19 reported to the World Health Organization from at least 73 countries, including Canada and the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising that further cases may appear in any country; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation's healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Section 2100 of the Public Health Law mandates that all local health officers, being Commissioners of Health and Public Health Directors, as the case may be, of County Health Departments, guard against the introduction of such communicable diseases as are designated in the State Sanitary Code, by the exercise of proper and vigilant medical inspection and control of all persons and things infected with or exposed to such diseases; 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 (COVID-19) 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, now known as COVID-19, 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 February 8, 2020, the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has issued "Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Exposure in Travel-associated or Community Settings." That guidance indicates, among other things, that people with confirmed COVID-19 should remain in

isolation, either at home or in a healthcare facility as determined by clinical status, until they are determined by state or local public health authorities to be no longer infectious, and that isolation may be compelled by public health order, if necessary.

WHEREAS, laboratory results have confirmed that you are ill with and currently carrying COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by section 2100 of the Public Health Law of the State of New York and 10 NYCRR 2.29, as Commissioner of the Department of Health Services of Suffolk County, I do hereby:

ORDER that, effective upon your receipt of this order, you are hereby directed to remain isolated at 16 Dovecote Lane, Commack, NY, or another location designated by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, as a result of having been diagnosed with a communicable disease as defined in 10 NYCRR 2.1, specifically 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), until it is determined by your treating physicians, in consultation with the SCDHS, that you are no longer at risk of transmitting the disease to others.

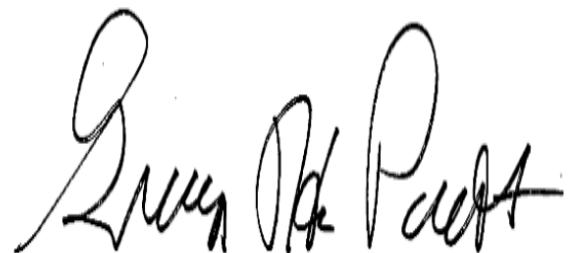
FURTHER, I DO HEREBY give notice that you may have this decision reviewed by the office of the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services by calling 631-854-0100, and/or by making application to the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY give notice that you have a right to be represented by legal counsel or to have counsel provided and that if you qualify to have counsel provided, such counsel will be made available. Moreover, you may supply to the Suffolk County Department of Health Services the addresses and/or telephone numbers of friends and/or relatives to receive notification of your isolation. At your request, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services shall provide notice to a reasonable number of such persons that you are being isolated pursuant to this order.

FURTHER, I DO HEREBY give notice that your failure to comply with this Order may result in an application being made to the Supreme Court of the State of New York to enforce this Order.

DATED: Suffolk County, New York

11/12/2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregson H. Pigott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gregson" being the most prominent.

Gregson H. Pigott, MD, MPH, Commissioner

Suffolk County Department of Health Services