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TO: Hospitals

FROM: New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)
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**HEALTH ADVISORY: HOSPITAL ACCESS TO HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE
AND AZITHROMYCIN FOR THE TREATMENT OF COVID-19
PURSUANT TO PUBLIC HEALTH LAW 206(1)(j)**

- NYSDOH is working collaboratively, with physicians and other practitioners who are treating certain patients hospitalized with COVID-19, to implement scientific studies and research on the efficacy and tolerability of hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin.
- NYSDOH has secured a supply of both drugs and will make them available at no charge to physicians and other practitioners who are treating certain patients hospitalized with COVID-19, as clinically appropriate and if the hospital has a limited supply. As a condition of participation in this state-approved clinical study, authorized by the FDA, physicians and other practitioners initiating treatment in certain patients hospitalized with COVID-19 must agree to provide NYSDOH with **expedited** access to patient information to allow for the evaluation of clinical outcomes and efficacy under Public Health Law Section 206(1)(j), so as to reduce morbidity and mortality.
- Physicians and other practitioners who are initiating treatment for certain patients hospitalized with COVID-19 must agree to provide treatment only to symptomatic patients with COVID-19.
- A process is being developed for receiving and fulfilling requests for all medications associated with the COVID-19 response and surge capacity. Information on this process will be forthcoming.
- Physicians and other practitioners initiating treatment for certain patients hospitalized with COVID-19 should e-mail COVIDTREATMENT@health.ny.gov, providing the following information to:
 - Treating practitioner's name, hospital, phone number, and e-mail;
 - Name, phone number, and e-mail of the person who will serve as the main point of contact for the facility, including for receipt of medication; AND
 - Number of patients currently in the facility who are candidates for treatment with hydroxychloroquine and azithromycin.

Resources:

- [New York State COVID-19 Website](#)
- [CDC Information for Clinicians on Therapeutics Options for COVID-19 Patients](#)