Responding to the Delta Wave
Guidance for Implementing COVID-19 Prevention Strategies in the Context of Infection Rates, Hospitalizations, and Vaccination Coverage

**TIER 1: Moderate Mitigation**
- <50 new cases per 100,000 population per day (7-day rolling average) AND
- At least 30% of hospital beds available (7-day rolling average) AND
- At least 30% of ICU beds available (7-day rolling average) AND
- >70% vaccination rate among eligible adults (at least one dose)

**Suggested Mitigation Strategies**
- Face masks for non-vaccinated residents.
- Promote behaviors that prevent spread and maintain healthy environments.

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**TIER 2: Substantial Mitigation**
- 50-100 new cases per 100,000 population per day (7-day rolling average) AND
- <30% of hospital beds available (7-day rolling average) AND
- <30% of ICU beds available (7-day rolling average) AND
- <70% vaccination rate among eligible adults (at least one dose)

**Suggested Mitigation Strategies**
- Vaccine proof for mass gatherings.
- Face masks for indoors.
- Face masks for mass gatherings where social distancing is not achievable.
- Face masks for facilities that care for vulnerable residents.
- Social distancing.
- Remote work where appropriate.

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**TIER 3: High Mitigation**
- 100+ new cases per 100,000 population per day (7-day rolling average) AND
- <15% of hospital beds available (7-day rolling average) AND
- <15% of ICU beds available (7-day rolling average) AND
- <70% vaccination rate among eligible adults (at least one dose)

**Suggested Mitigation Strategies**
- Vaccine proof for dining indoors and/or attending events.
- Face masks in indoor spaces.
- Limit mass gathering capacities to 25.
- Social distancing.
- Remote work where appropriate.

**Ongoing Mitigation Strategies**
- Promote behaviors that prevent spread, such as getting vaccinated, staying home when sick or exposed to COVID, and practicing proper personal hygiene.
- Maintain Healthy Environments, such as cleaning high touch surfaces, ensuring clean ventilation systems, allowing for social distancing or barriers.
- Maintain Healthy Operations, such as protecting those most vulnerable, clarify regulations, allow for flexible schedules, telework, and virtual meetings.
- Continue vaccine uptake efforts in underperforming zip codes.

NYSAC recommends consulting with your LHD about local conditions and trends, as well as the appropriate interventions for each tier.

More robust prevention strategies may be necessary to prevent hospitalizations, decrease transmission, and allow for in-person K-12 instruction.