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Dear Health Care Provider:

Pursuant to State of New York Executive Order No. 202.6 dated March 18, 2020 as implemented by the Empire State Development Corporation, public water supply is deemed to be an essential business. An uninterrupted water supply is essential in ensuring that critical health care facilities, including facilities like yours, remain operational throughout the current State disaster emergency that was declared for the entire State of New York.

Any employee of the Suffolk County Water Authority presenting this letter to a health care provider is considered by the SCWA to be essential to maintaining the essential service of public water supply. Therefore, it is imperative that an actual test for COVID-19 be performed on said employee when they show symptoms related to COVID-19 rather than the employee being *presumed positive* for COVID-19. If the subject health care provider cannot perform a test for COVID-19, the employee should be directed to a health care provider that can.

Your cooperation with this request is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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